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PEMBERTON, OHIO
A VILLAGE TO BE REMEMBERED

In the summer of 1998, Loretta Cottrel and Barbara Adams, each with over half a century of memories about Pemberton, decided to compile and record their recollections and research.

Initially they thought of a brief, modest history, perhaps a dozen or so pages about the inhabitants of the town, their residences, and some of the events since the decades of the 1930's and 1940's. It was soon apparent this would be only a beginning. As each memory recalled another and more and more history of the town and its residents was discovered, it was obvious an abbreviated account would omit too much which, most likely, would never be researched again.

Loretta, whose natural interest in people and events was encouraged by the years she spent at her typewriter in the office of the SIDNEY DAILY NEWS, and Barbara, who despaired at ever allowing the slightest scrap about the past to go unrecorded, were soon aware there was much about Pemberton to be written and remembered.

Some of the described events were found in unlikely places. At times it seemed the deceased souls of the town were helping, leading the writers to discoveries about the past lives of the ghosts of Pemberton.

One such revealing item was a small, yellowed notebook in which was jotted numerous entries, spanning over 20 years of life in Pemberton, 1924 - 1946. The record was kept by Laura Hufford who with her husband, John , owned and operated a grocery store in the town for several years. From the little notebook bits of information about residents, their lives and their deaths, was learned. The notebook was found by Carl Clayton when he purchased the Hufford home in 1946 after the deaths of both Mr. & Mrs. Hufford..

Other discoveries came while scanning early issues of local newspapers for unrelated items. Any mention of happenings in Pemberton would catch the eye and one more delightful or tragic story would be rescued and recorded.

The enjoyment of the writers in pursuing these memories has been unbounded. Possibly a few of you who read this account will briefly escape into the past and be entertained and captivated by the reminiscences of by-gone days in a little town. If so, their efforts will have been even more worthwhile.

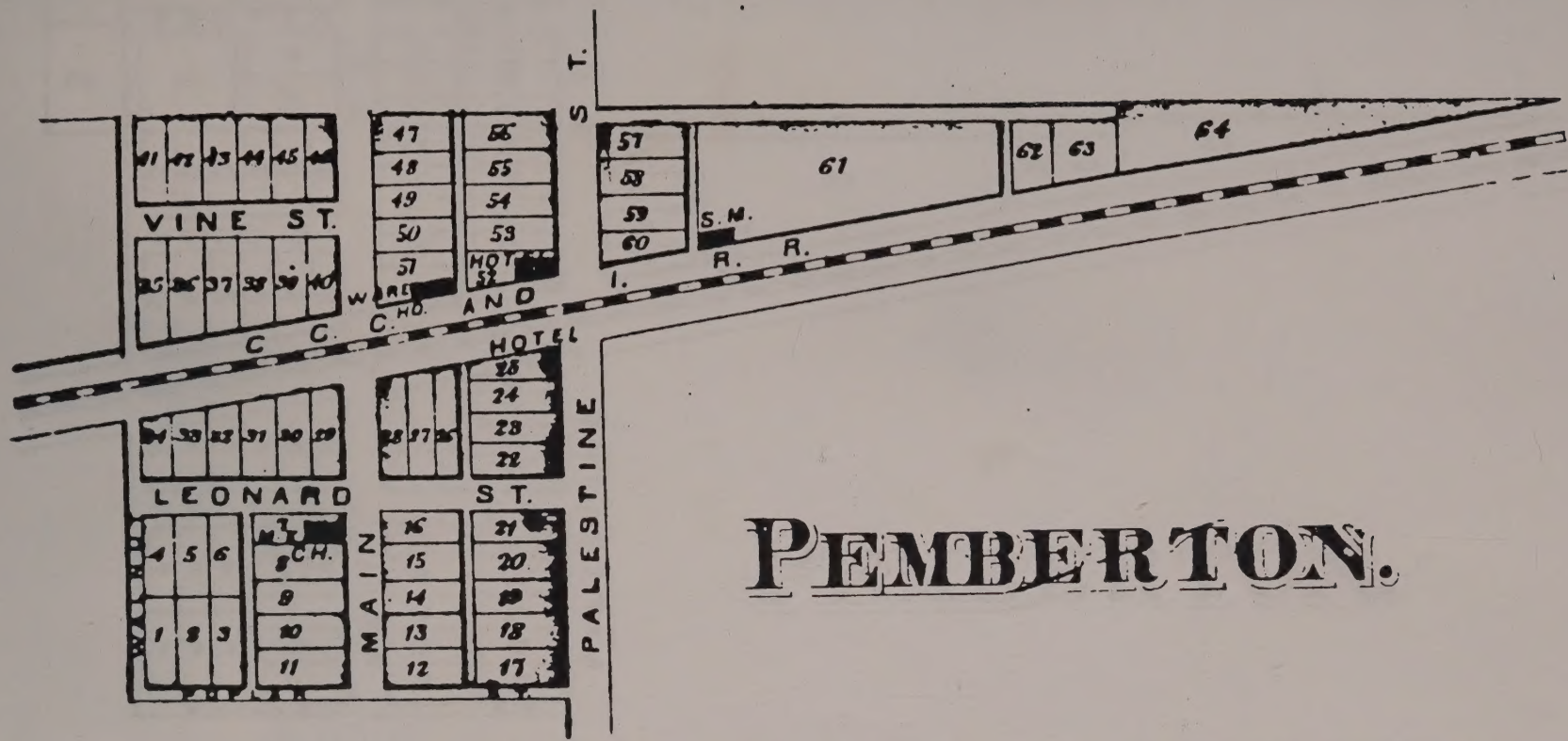
IN MEMORY OF

LORETTA COTTREL

October 12, 1911

September 13, 1999

Loretta's encouragement, enthusiasm, and assistance did much toward the compilation of the History of Pemberton, where she lived for over half a century. The completed work is dedicated to her memory. This picture was taken in 1983, on the occasion of her retirement after a career of 29 years with Amos Press.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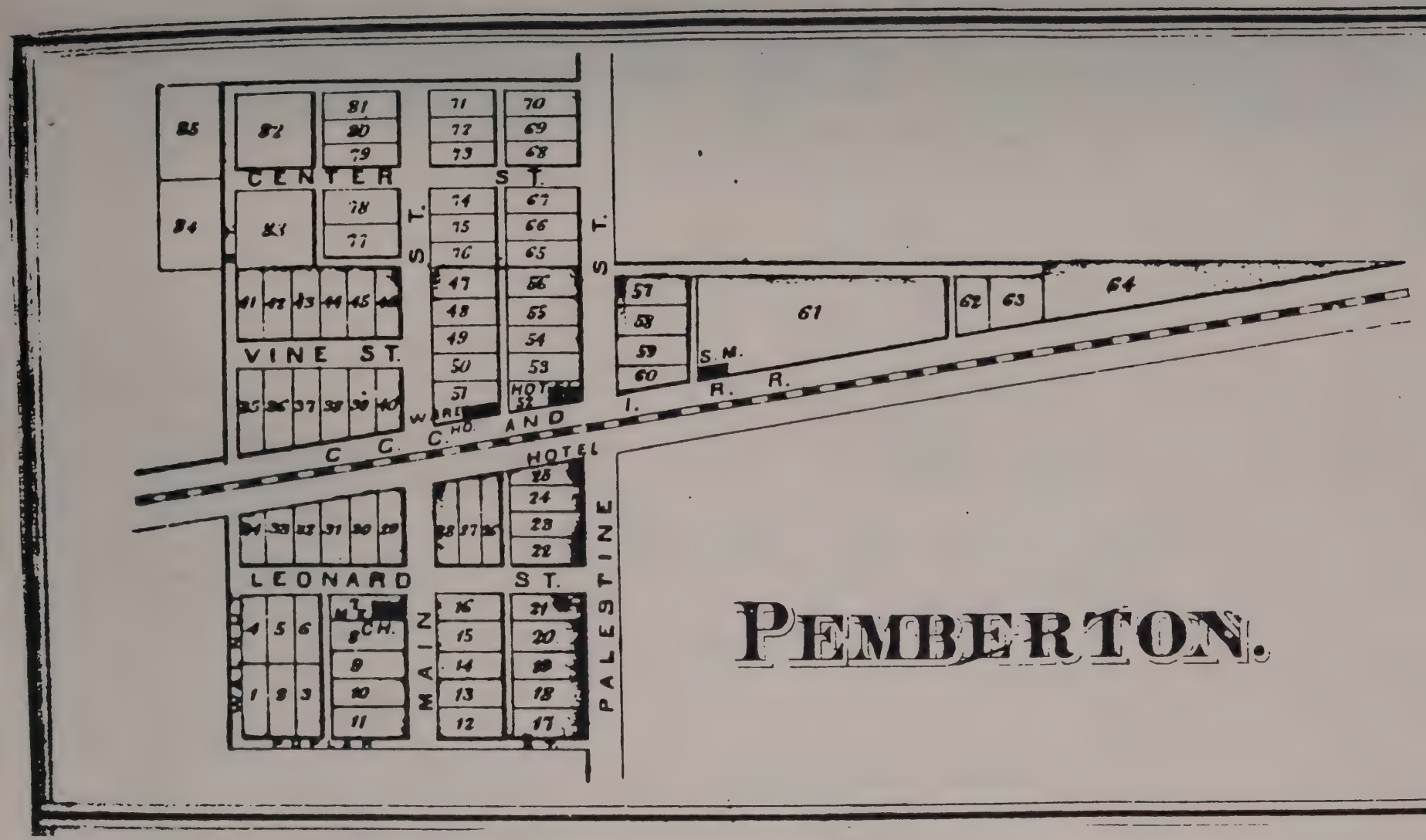
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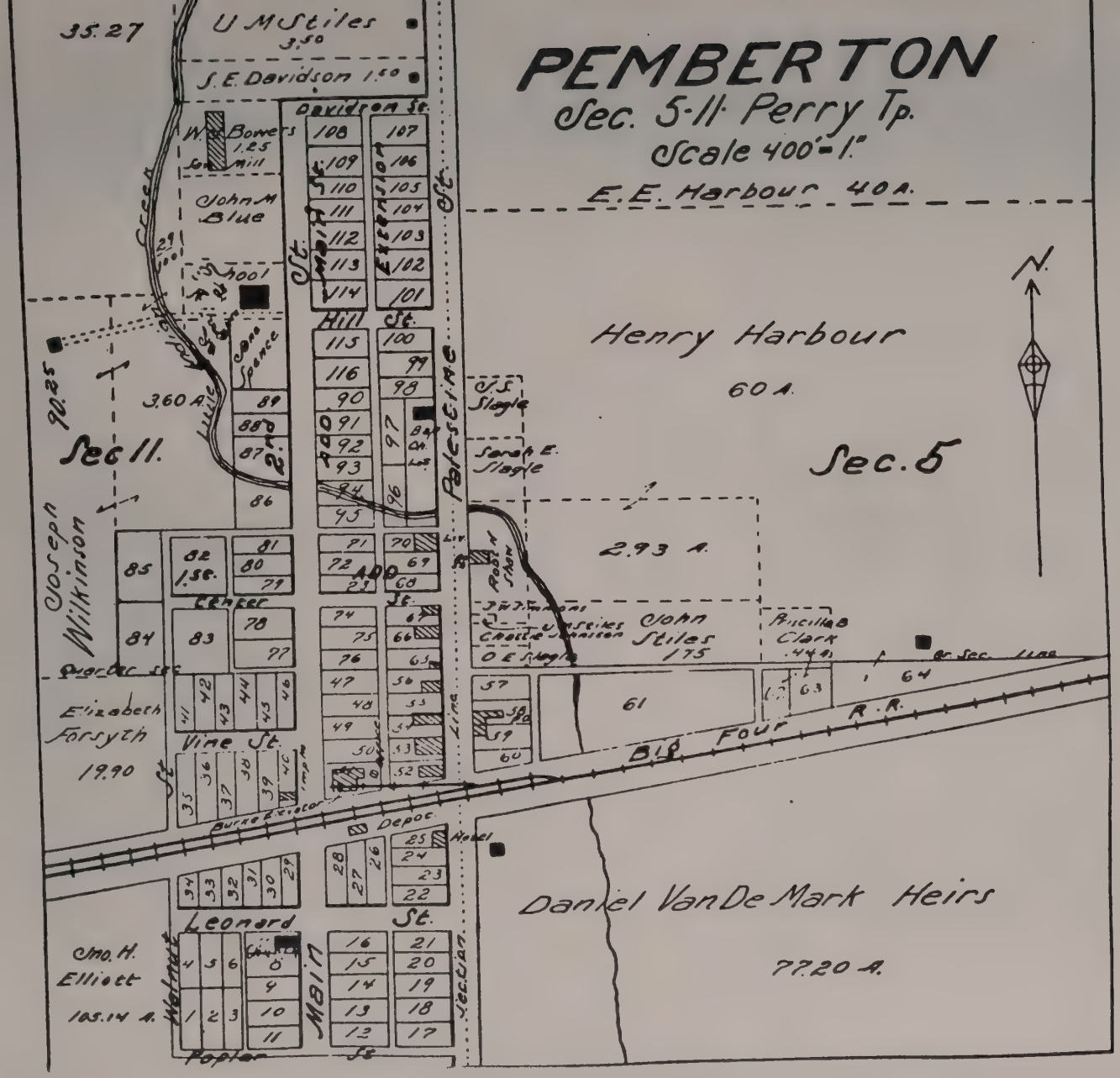
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PEMBERTON
Early History

Pemberton was platted in 1852 from farms owned by J.H. & L.T. Elliott, B.C. Wilkinson and George R. Forsythe. There were 64 original lots. By 1875, 21 more lots expanded Pemberton to the west and by 1900 an additional 45 lots were included, bringing the town almost to the Dingman-Slagle Road.

The lots were initially sold for $50 each, sometimes 2 for $75. The series of transactions for lot 8 were interesting. Adjoining lot 7, site of the current Methodist church, it was originally purchased in 1853 by Cyrus Apple from J.H. Elliott. Two years later Mr. Apple sold the lot to the Trustees of the United Brethren church who were, James Wilkinson, of Champaign County, Francis M., Stephen B., & W.H. Lehman, and H.H. Stewart. In 1858 the same trustees sold the lot to Joseph Tatham. If ever there were plans for a U.B. church in Pemberton, they never materialized. The nearest U.B. church was south of Pasco. Perhaps the Methodist church which came to Pemberton in 1857 somewhat discouraged the U.B. congregation.

Lot 26 was purchased in 1852 from Wilkinson & Elliott by Isreal Pemberton. Sutton's History of Shelby County relates Pemberton was named for General Pemberton by his brother who at the time the town was platted was a civil engineer on the railroad being constructed there. This information and the deed places Isreal in the town at the right time, leading one to believe he was the brother of General Pemberton. Isreal left when the railroad was completed, about 1858.

PEMBERTON, OHIO
Sutton History, 1883

Surveyor of the 64 Lots of Pemberton in 1852 was W.C. Wells.

The State of Ohio, Shelby County:

On this 29th day of January, 1852, before the undersigned, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said county, personally appeared Benjamin C. Wilkinson, John H. Elliott, Leonard T. Elliott and George Forsythe, proprietors of the said town of Pemberton, and acknowledged the survey and plat to be their act and deed.

In testimony whereof I have herefore set my hand and seal this 29th day of January, A.D. 1852.

C. Johnston, J.P. (Seal)

Recorded Jan, 30, 1852, William Skillen, Recorder

This thriving village is situated on the C.C.C. & I. Railroad, seven miles east of Sidney. It was platted January 24, 1852 by J.H. & L.T. Elliott, B.C. Wilkinson and George Forsythe. The first store was a grocery store, owned by Calvin Morris. The proprietors of the first dry goods store were Isaac Wilkinson and Irwin Nutt; the second were Joseph Smith and Smith Gano. The first blacksmith was William Johnston; first wagon shop was owned by David Lemon. The first hotel opened in town was by J.V. Wilson. The first post master was Joseph Smith, the first physician probably Dr. Edward Stockton.

PEMBERTON - 1876

SIDNEY JOURNAL
28 April 1876

This quiet little village is located in the east part of the county near the Logan County line, surrounded by a good agricultural country and settled by people who generally came from the eastern states.

The principal trade of the place is grain and lumber. Barringer & Slagle have an extensive warehouse and are dealers in grain, seeds and salt. Two years ago their trade amounted to about $80,000. This year, in consequence to damage to wheat and failure of the oats crop of last year, the trade fell off considerably. The recent construction of some new pikes induces them to believe they will be able to increase their business. They also keep the express office.

But - no dry goods store in the place, a thing that appears rather remarkable for a town situated in such a good country. All we met there, with whom we spoke about it, thinks it is a very good point for some man with sufficient means to do a good dry goods business.

Mr. N. Miller keeps the largest grocery store in town. He has been in the business since September, 1875, and is satisfied with his success. We should judge from our acquaintance with him that he does all in his power to accomodate his customers. J. Beeson also keeps a grocery. He has been in the business for 6 years and is very pleasant with his customers.

Clark & Barringer have the only harness shop in the place. They have on hand a good supply of stock. We met Mr. Clark, who is the Justice of the Peace, a pleasant jovial man, and enjoys a good joke.

We found Dr. S. Kneisley removing his headquarters from the room formerly occupied by him to the residence of Mr. A.J. Davis. The Dr. was in better humor than most men are generally found when moving. He had not yet handled the stove pipe when we saw him, which may account for his good humor.

There are two hotels in the town, both large enough to accomodate a number of guests.

The saw mill, under the management of Robinson & Blue, has done a large amount of work within the last eighteen months. They have very fine sawed timber and make good lumber. The slabs they utilize by cutting into balusters and table legs.

There are two churches in the village, Baptist and Methodist, both of which have good congregations and are in healthy conditions.

PEMBERTON ITEMS - February 1877

Thinking you would be glad to hear from our prosperous little city, we write a few lines about "us" and 'ours'. Ours is an enterprising little town. Barringer & Slagle are doing a prosperous business; they have been taking in over 1000 bushels of corn per day. S.C. Robertson is doing a good business in the lumber trade. Our town promises quite a number of improvements this coming summer. School has been discontinued for the past week on account of Scarlet Fever. Other sickness prevails to a great extent and Drs. Kneisley and Millholland are kept very busy. A revival is in progress at the Baptist church and the attendance is good.

INDIAN CREEK
1835 - 1929

Old community cemetery in Perry Township just north of Pemberton at the intersection of Dingman-Slagle and Tawawa-Maplewood Roads. Earliest inscription found is dated 1835 and the latest 1929.

Wilkinson, William K., son of T. & A. Baptized by Elder V. S. Burton May 26, 1861. Married to Miss Rhoda McCalla Sept 24, 1863. Capt, Co. A., 91 Reg. O.I.G. Died at Hampton, Va. Aug 4, 1864, Aged 27y 3m 10d.

Alexander, P. W., d July 3, 1851, 39y 9m 15d.

Balmer, Eva, wife of Geo., d Feb 2, 1866, 51y.

Balmer, George, d Sept 24, 1845, 48y.

Balmer, John, d Nov 21, 1867, 28y 8m 2d. Member Co. K, 2nd Reg. O.V.I. Served his country 3 years.

Beeson, Gilbert K., son of Wm & Nancy, d Dec 4, 1863, 22y 8m.

Beeson, Ruth, wife of W., d Sept 23, 1880, 54y 8m 13d.

Beeson, William, d Dec 5, 1879, 74y 9m 7d.

Beeson, Infant, son of J. & M., d Sept 27, 1854, 27d.

Billingsley, James, d Oct 10, 1871, 61y 1m 25d.

Billingsley, Phoebe, wife of James, d May 22, 1865, 55y 3m 18d.

Brankle, Barbarah, dau of E. & H., d Sept 19, 1855, 10m 6d.

Brown, Nettie, dau of G.H. & S.E., d Jan 22, 1883, 7y 3m 10d.

Burditt, Booth, son of J. A., d Feb 26, 1865, 20y 2m 2d.

Burditt, George, d Nov 25, 1863, 51y 8m 23d.

Burditt, John M., d June 16, 1852, 32y 9m 26d.

Burditt, Harriett M., wife of J. M., d Aug 20, 1849, 21y 9m 24d.

Burditt, Mary J., wife of J. M., d Aug 2, 1845, 23y 6m 6d.

Burditt, Ellenor J., d Oct 18, 1852(?), 15y -- (stone broken)

Burditt, Abraham E., son of John M. & H. M., d June 18, 1853, 4y.

Chiles, William, son of G. & E., d May 21, 1849, 32y.

Cook, Rosana, wife of John, d Dec 3, 1860, 75y 27d.

Cool, Permelia C., dau of J. S. & E., d Sept 14, 1847, 3d.

Coon, Malinda, d Feb 21, 1882, 57y 10m.

Coon, Reuben, d Jan 30, 1875, 50y 9d.

Coon, Hiram D., d July 14, 1873, 18y 7m 20d.

Cover, William H. H., Member of Co. C., ___ Reg., O.V.I. Died at Nashville, TN Dec 23, 1862, 22y 3m 2d.

Cotterman, Catherine, wife of Jonathan, d Dec 6, 1887, 55y 7m 23d.

Cotterman, Jonathan, d July 6, 1865, 43y 3m 4d.

Cotterman, Isaac N., son of J. & C. E., d July 29, 1865, 12y 5m 15d.

Cotterman, William, son of J. & C. E., d Nov 22, 1851, 1y 1d.

Cotterman, Carman, dau of J. & C. E., d Dec 3, 1859, 11y 7m 20d.

Cox, John, d Apr 20, 1885, 70y 4m 7d.

Infants of John & Jane Cox--4 sons & 1 daughter.
Son, d Jan 8, 1843, 14d.
Son, d Jan 14, 1845, 6d.
(All above on same stone.)

Crone, Rosemary, d 1929.

Crone, Marion, d 1915.

Dunham, John B., son of Jacob R. & Anna. A member of O.N.G., d at Washington Aug 7, 1864, 24y 2m 4d.

Elliott, Abraham, d Aug 23, 1869, 72y 6m 4d.

Elliott, Catherine R., wife of A., d Oct 6, 1877, 81y 6m 2d.

Elliott, Joseph, d ___ , 39y 6m. (stone broken)

Elliott, Elizabeth, wife of Joseph, d Dec 16, ___ (stone broken), 35y.

Elliott, Sarah Ida, dau of J. M. & Elizabeth, d Apr 10, 1868, 10y 6m 8d.

Elliott, Elizabeth H., dau of J. M. & Elizabeth, d Feb 7, 1867, 7y 2m 4d.

Elliott, Infant, dau of J. M. & Elizabeth, d Dec 6, 1865.

Elliott, Leonard, d Jan 17, 1862, 77y 9m 11d.

Elliott, Malinda, wife of Leonard, d Dec 30, 1850, 47y 25d.

Elliott, Jane, wife of John H., d June 4, 1857, 34y 4m 4d.

Elliott, Rachel Jane, dau of J. H. & J., d Sept 12, 1857, 4m.

Elliott, Infant of J.H. & J., d Oct 1848, 21d.

Elliott, George, son of J. H. & J., d May 1, 1850, 3y 4d.

Elliott, Booth B., son of J. H. & J., d Oct 25, 1855, 1m 4d.

Elliott, Roswell Sherman, son of B. A. & A. D., d Aug 5, 1866, 2y 6m 28d.

Elliott, Laura Susannah, dau of B. A. & A. D., d Aug 1, 1866, 1y 1m.

Elliott, Benjamin A., d May 26, 1868, 37y 5m 16d.

Fahnestock, Sarah H., wife of J. M. d Apr 20, 1865, 18y 10m 4d.

Fidler, Rebecca, wife of T. F., d Aug 28, 1866, 46y 6m 9d.

Fidler, John F., son of T. F. & R., d 1857, 11y 5m 22d.

Fidler, Wilbur, son of T. F. & R., d Aug 25, 1849, 2y 26d.

Fidler, Raymond, son of F. O. & E. J., d Mar 9, 1875, 1y 6m 29d.

Freeman, James C., d Aug 27, 1871, 54y 3m 16d.

Freeman, Moses, Inf son of J. C. & C. J., b & d July 5, 1858.

Forsythe, James, d Nov 21, 1837, 61y.

Forsythe, George Wesley, son of C. R. & M. R., d May 11, 1870, 11m 22d.

Forsythe, Sarah C., dau of A. S. & E. A., d Feb 10, 1851, 3y 9m 4d.

Garber, Francis A., son of A. G. & T., d Aug 21, 1851, 23d.

Gearhart, Infant of A. & E.A., b&d June 10, 1859.

Indian Creek

Gearhart, Catherine, wife of L. M., d Nov 19, 1842, 36y 4d.

Broken stone beside Catherine-possibly a Gearhart: _____ , d 1881, 47y 6m 25d.

Gray, Jane, wife of John, d Sept 3, 1861, 63y 8m 16d.

Hain, Dellie, dau of L. & E., d Aug 19, 1866, 2y 6m 26d.

Hain, Emma, dau of L. & E., d Sept 8, 1873, 2y 5m 2d.

Hain, Laura B., dau of L. & E., d Nov 21, 1860, 4y 2m 16d.

Harber, Maggie, dau of H. & R. E., d Feb 25, 1877, 2y 10m 8d.

Hume, Augusta L., dau of J. & H. E., d Jan 31, 1856, 8d.

Hume, Jacob, son of Peter & Mary, d Mar 11, 1850, 47y 3m 11d.

Hume, William Henry, son of Jacob & Martha, d June 2, 1866, 9m 21d.

Jacobs, Mary A., 1861-1922.

Johnston, Charles, d Mar 15, 1865, 74y 7m 20d.

Johnston, Nancy, wife of Chas., d Mar 20, 1862, 66y 2m 20d.

Johnston, Teressa, dau of Chas. & Nancy, d Feb 14, 1885, 52y 1m 27d.

Johnston, Inf son of C.W. & M.E., d Sept 14, 1864, 14d.

Johnston, Inf son of C.W. & M.E., d Dec 13, 1863.

Johnston, Charles W., son of Wm & S., d Feb 24, 1861, 1y 4d.

Johnston, Inf son of Wm & S., d Apr 19, 1868.

Johnston, Martha, wife of Chas. J., d Dec 13, 1852, 20y 10m 28d.

Johnston, Charles William, son of Silas & Margaret, d Mar 13, 1850, 4y 11m 2d.

Johnston, Inf dau of F. & R., d Jan 17, 1889, 16d.

Jackson, Carl A., son of S. H. & S. E., d May 4, 1884, 5m 24d.

Jackson, James M., son of J. C. & P., d Feb 15, 1863, 12y 5m 6d.

Jackson, Phebee K., dau of J. C. & P., d Feb 22, 1863, 1y 22d.

Jackson, Jesse C., d Feb 22, 1863, 49y 3m 18d.

Jackson, William F., son of S. H. & S. E., d Sept 13, 1868, 8m 26d.

Kemp, Catherine, wife of Lewis, d Sept 18, 1870, 43y 9m 15d.

Kemp, Louis, d Dec 2, 1881, 72y 10m 13d.

Kemp, Benjamin F., son of L. & C. H., d Dec 28, 1872, 21y 14d.

Kizer, Benjamin, d Nov 3, 1884, 83y 10m 18d.

Kizer, Mary, wife of Benj., d May 13, 1855, 51y 6d.

Kizer, Nancy, wife of Benj., d Oct 25, 1867, 51y 7m 27d.

Kizer, John C., son of E. & M. A., d May 4, 1880, 24y 11m 24d.

Kizer, Amelia, wife of Elisha, d Aug 14, 1850, 38y 5m 5d.

Kizer, Elisha, d Jan 11, 1889, 86y 2m 16d.

Kizer, George W., son of C. & M., d Apr 29, 1865, 21y 2m 24d, Co H, 29 Reg. O.V.I.

Kizer, William, son of H. & M. A., d Apr 30, 1874, 4m 19d.

Kizer, Mary, dau of H. & Martha, d ___ 1860, 11m ?

Kizer, Inf dau of T. & L.M., d Mar 6, 1863.

Kizer, Mary E., dau of T. & L. M., d Mar 29, 1861, 3y 9m 27d.

Lee, Violet, wife of Stephen, d May 15, 1861, 72y 2m 11d.

Lappin, Willie F., son of R. H. & M., d Jan 2, 1879, 14d.

Lehman, David, d Apr 7, 1873, 8m 18d.

Lehman, David, son of S. B. & B., d Feb 15, 1868, 2y 21d.

Lehman, William H., d Mar 12, 1860, 34y.

Lehman, T. B., Co H, 134th Ohio Inf. (no dates)

Line, Henry, d Apr 12, 1881, 56y 2m 8d.

Line, Inf son of H. & J., d May 23, 1855.

Line, Charles A., son of H. & J., d Mar 11, 1863, 4y 8m 15d.

Ludlow, Lois, wife of S., d Feb 20, 1862, 58y 4m 20d.

Ludlow, Stephen, d Feb 12, 1865, 64y 3m 28d.

Maltbie, Nancy J., wife of H., d June 23, 1847, 24y 10m 12d.

Mathias, Frances, dau of James & E. R., d July 29, 1864, 9y 28d.

McConnaughy(?), Anna C., dau of James & Diana, d Apr 18, 1852, 2y.

Mohr, John, son of ___ & E., d Oct 3, 1862, 6m 29d.

Morgan, Artamitia, dau of M. & R. K. d Oct 10, 1865, 11y 17d.

Mulford, Eleanor, dau of J. C. & O., d Jan 21, 1841, 6y 8m 2d.

Mulford, Mary Ann, dau of J. C. & O., d Mar 5, 1848, 1y 1m 18d.

Mulford, Joseph, d June 8, 1850, 65y 2m 28d.

Mulford, Rebecca A., dau of __ A. & E., d June 7, 1849, 5y 8m.

Mulford, Eliza F., wife of H. J. & dau of J. H. & M. McKinney, d May 10, 1867, 25y 8m 18d.

Neer, Adam, son of A. & J., d Sept 10, 1865, 1y 1m 9d.

Neer, Adam, d Feb 25, 1861, 85y 21d.

Neer, Adam, d Sept 22, 1867, 52y 8m 10d.

Neer, Benjamin A., d Nov 3, 1884, 85y 10m 18d.

Neer, Hannah, dau of Isaac & Elizabeth, d Jan 7, 1861, 6y 2m 9d.

Neer, Mary E., dau of Isaac & Elizabeth, d Jan 2, 1861, 10y 4m 15d.

Neer, Amanda, dau of Isaac & Elizabeth, d Jan 23, 1861, 3y 4m 28d.

Neer, William, son of Isaac & Elizabeth, d Oct 8, 1853, 3m 16d.

Neer, Martin, son of A. & R., d ___ 22, 1866, ___ (illegible)

Indian Creek

Neer, Samuel, son of Adam & Rachel, d May 28, 1856, 21y.

Nichols, Mary J., dau of John & Elizabeth, d July 4, 1842, 3m.

Niswonger, Sarah, wife of J., d Nov 28, 1851, 45y 5d.

Niswonger, M____ (illegible), dau of J. & S., d Mar 1, 1842, ___. (stone broken)

Paden, David W., d Oct 29, 1874, 28y 1m 24d.

Patton, Josiah E., son of T. & S., d Dec 27, 1849, 1y 1m.

Peck, Mary, dau of Marcus & Rachel, b Oct 15, 1834, d Mar 17, 1835.

Persinger, J., d Sept 12, 1850, 78y 8m.

Persinger, Persilla, wife of W. R., d July 11, 1877, 69y 2m 8d.

Persinger, Sarah Jane, wife of G. L., d Sept 22, 1865, 20y 6m 20d.

Persinger, William R., d Nov 26, 1882, 82y 8m 25d.

Pool, Alfred C., son of G. C. & C., d May 14, 1863, 9m 12d.

Pool, Rev. George, d June 3, 1848, 56y 10m 28d.

Pool, Mercy, wife of Rev. George. (stone broken)

Pool, Thomas Wesley, son of G. C. & Chloe, d Oct 18, 1857, 8m 24d.

Price, Clarence B., 1874-1888.

Price, C. Elvena, 1862-1868.

Price, W. Arthur, 1860-1873.

Randall, Julia, dau of I. & M., d Aug 2, 1851, 33y 10m 4d.

Randall, Mary, wife of I., d Oct 26, 1846, 57y 1m 1d.

Randall, Jane, dau of A., d ___ 1838. (stone broken)

Redinbaugh, Daniel F., d Dec 5, 1871, 67y 10m 11d.

Redinbo, Sarah, wife of David, d Oct 3, 1843, 28y 6m 23d.

Redinbo, Daniel G., son of D. & S., d Dec 22, 1846, 1y 1m 28d.

Reed, Addie M., dau of J. S. & Mary, d Oct 16, 1863, 17y 10m.

Robbins, Isaac, son of J. & E., d Sept 6, 1848, 6y.

Ross, Harry B., d July 10, 1879, 6m 18d.
Ross, Lillian, d Apr 23, 1880, 2m 11d.
Children of Rev. Z. & S. Ross

Schertz, Peter, d Aug 29, 1853, 16y 5m 9d.

Sharp, Etna, dau of L.W. & M., d Sept 9, 1871, 1m 7d.

Shaw, Laura A., d Sept 9, 1877, 23y 10m.

Shaw, Charles Otho, d Sept 9, 1877, 9m 9d.

Slagle, ___ (broken), dau of Chas. & Susannah, d Aug 30, 1855, 1y 10m 20d.

Slagle, ___ (broken), child of D. H. & B. A., d Feb 8, 1856, 3y 3m 11d.

Slagle, Ellenora, dau of J.W. & M.C., ___ , 5m 24d.

Smart, George W., son of J. W. & M. E., d Nov 30, 1861, 1y 6m 1d.

Staley, Jennie May, dau of N. B. & S. J., d Oct 24, 1872, 5m 19d.

Staley, Napoleon B., d Mar 23, 1875, 30y 7m 19d.

Staley, John G., son of Isaiah & Milley, d Aug 11, 1835, 9m 27d.

Stiles, A. J., b Apr 5, 1824, d Apr 29, 1895.

Stiles, Elizabeth, wife of A. J., b Sept 2, 1824, d Nov 1, 1894.

Stiles, Mary A., dau of A. & J., b Dec 7, 1848, d Oct 14, 1872.

Stiles, Inf son of U.M. & R.A., d Feb 6, 1863, 3d.

Stiles, Inf dau of U.M. & R.A., d Apr 13, 1860.

Stiles, Inf dau of U.M. & R.A., d Apr 3, 1866.

Stephenson, Ann, wife of D., d Sept 18, 1865, 60y 2m 26d.

Stephenson, William, d Apr 9, 1884, 61y 7m 23d.

Stephenson, Jane, wife of Wm, d Dec 15, 1869, 42y 5m 13d.

Stephenson, Sarah A., dau of Wm & Jane, d Feb 16, 1868, 1y 10m 15d.

Stephenson, William R., son of Wm & Jane, d Sept 16, 1869.

Stephenson, David, son of Wm & Jane, d Dec 3, 1877, 29y 9m 5d.

Stephenson, George T., son of H. L. & S., d Sept 10, 1865, 2y 1m 4d.

Stephenson, Inf dau of F. & R., d Jan 17, 1869.

Stephenson, George, inf son of J. S. & C. S., d Sept ___, 1865.

Stephenson, Martha Ellen, dau of __ (illegible), d June 30, 1865, 1y(?).

Spencer. O. J., b May 22, 1842, d Mar 1880.

Souder, Lucretia, wife of Anthony, d Oct 2, 1846, 50y 5m 1d.

Souder, Anthony, d May 25, 1847, 56y 20d.

Summers, Amanda, dau of J. S. & N. A., d June 20, 1852. (no age)

Sumers, Staley, d Dec 5, 1871, 18y 2m 13d.

Stone, Mary M., d Oct 26, 1868, 58y 9m 22d.

Stone, William J., son of Wm & Ann, d July 7, 1865, 1y 7d.

Stone, William, d Aug 14, 1864, 35y 8m 26d.
Member of Co. I, 134 Reg, O.N.G.

Talbot, William H., son of Harrison(?) & Hannah, d Apr 30, 1850, 2y 1m 5d.

Talbott, G. W., d Mar 29, 1880, 28y 3m 26d.

Talbott, Mahala C., d May 13, 1886, 34y 5m 2d.

Talbott, Mary Jane, d Feb 22, 1879, 22y 3m 15d.

Tathan, Inf son of J. & A., d Mar 26, 1870, 3d.

Uhler, Tom Price, age 7 m. (no dates)

Wilkinson, Louisa M., wife of Joseph, dau Irvin & Barbara Nutt, b Mar 22, 1835, m June 12, 1856, United with the Baptist Church Apr 2, 1866, d Mar 24, 1876.

Wilkinson, Thomas, d Jan 11, 1875, 75y 8m 26d.

Wilkinson, Anna, d Mar 15, 1852, 45y 4m 19d.

Wilkinson, Elias, son of T. & A., d Aug 4, 1851, 24y 27d.

Wilkinson, John A., son of T. & A., d Jan 1, 1849, 7y 1m 22d.

Wilkinson, Phebe, wife of David G., d May 14, 1867, 30y 3m 2d.

Wilkinson, Benjamin, son of D. G. & P., d Sept 21, 1860, 1y 2m.

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Wilkinson, Deborah, dau of D. G. & P., d Apr 22, 1854, 5m 22d.

Wilkinson, Phebe E., dau of D. G. & P., d Oct 15, 1866, 1y 3m 9d.

Wilkinson, Thomas J., son of Joseph & D. A., d Oct 26, 1881, 1y 4m 15d.

Wilkinson, Charlotte, wife of J. G., d June 30, 1848, 23y 8m 28d.

Wilkinson, Sarah Jane, dau of J. G. & C., d Sept 25, 1847, 3m 23d.

Wilkinson, Nancy, wife of James A., d Sept 3, 1863, 76y 3m 22d.

Wilkinson, Isaac, d Apr 6, 1862, 56y 4m 3d.

Wilkinson, Samuel, son of I. A. & R. R. d May 14, 1850, 1y 1m 23d.

Wilkinson, Harriett E., dau of C. T. & D., d June 23, 1847, 17y 8m 5d.

Wilkinson, Deborah, consort of C. T., d June 25, 1862, aged ___. (stone broken)

White, Martin V., d Dec 25, 1875, 38y 3m 23d. Killed by the cars at Bellefontaine, O.

Wagoner, Abigail, wife of Bezaleel, d Feb 3, 1855, 40y 11m 11d.

Wilson, Elizabeth, 1814-1867.

Wilson, Jacob V., 1807-1889.

Wilson, Nan Oehart, 1840-1887.

Wilson, Samuel, 1834-1883.

From earlier inscription readings - tombstones cannot now be found:

Burditt, Rev. Boothe, d July 7, 1843, 45y 11m 7d.

Fidler, Nancy, wife of J. H., d Dec 11, 1849.

Hume, Hannah, wife of Jacob, d Jan 1, 1857, 22y.

Stephenson, Meribah, wife of J. S., d Mar 21, 1856, 26y.

Cook, John, d Mar 3, 1858.

Wilkinson, Elvira, consort of B. C., d Nov 6, 1857, 30y.

McClish, George, d June 20, 1863.

Staley, William, d Aug 21, 1861. Civil War.

From mortuary records - no tombstones found:

Atkinson, Acy, d Dec 8, 1902, 80y 2m 12d.

Atkinson, Rosette, d Jan 26, 1903, 28y 6m.

Beason, Mary J., d Dec 14, 1902, 59y 8m 11d.

Kiser, Mrs. -- , d Nov 12, 1898, 84y.

Reportedly buried here in unmarked graves:

Stephenson, -- , unnamed infant son of Henry Logan & Elizabeth (Kerst) Stephenson.

Peck, Marcus.

Peck, Rachel.

SHELBY COUNTY DEMOCRAT

4 APRIL 1890

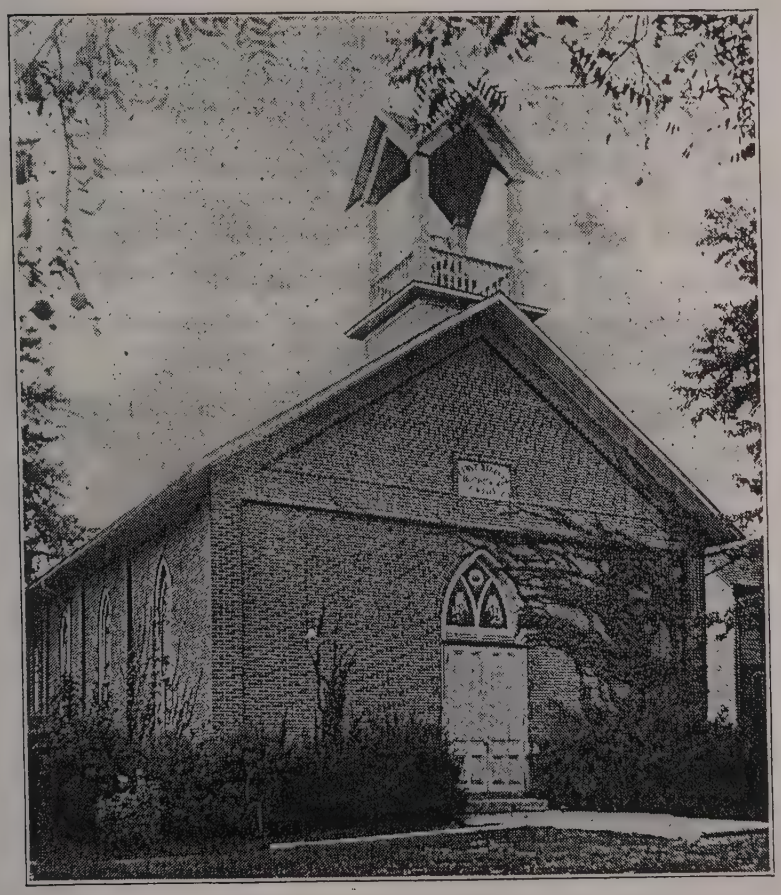
From an item in the Pemberton News of the above date is evidence the Indian Creek Cemetery also had the name, M.E. Cemetery. "On Saturday our little village was wrapped in gloom by the death of Mr. Lang. He was born in England in 1797 and the oldest man in Perry Township. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. B.F. Rinehart on Monday at the Baptist Church after which the remains were laid in the M.E. Cemetery..."

INDIAN CREEK CEMETERY

The Indian Creek Cemetery is located just north of Pemberton, Ohio at the intersection of Dingman-Slagle and Tawawa-Maplewood Roads. Richard Swaney, during his restoration of this cemetery, located twenty-seven tombstones not included in a previous reading ca 1970. The information found on those stones plus the additions and/or corrections made possible by the repairing of stones are listed here.

BARRINGER, Infant "Our Pet"; dau of O.J. & S.S.; d Mar 18, 1880.
BEESON, Columbus; son of Wm. & Nancy; d Mar 18, 1863; Age ____ (broken); Died, Civil War.
BEESON, Elizabeth; dau of Wm. & Nancy.
BEESON, Eveline; dau of Wm. & Nancy; d May ____; 23y 1m 19d (broken).
BEESON, Nancy; wife of William; d Oct 29, 1865; 57y 5m 5d.
BILLINGSLEY, James B.; son of Samuel & R.A.; d Aug 30, 1862; 21d.
COOK, John; d Mar 3, 1858; Age ____ (broken).
FIDLER, Nancy; wife of J.H. FIDLER; d Dec 11, 1848; Aged 32y 9m 20d.
GARRENE, William H.; son of S. & E.F.; d Dec 29, 1854; 11d.
HUME, Hannah Elizabeth; wife of Jacob; d Dec 4, 1857; 22y 10m 18d.
LEHMAN, David; d Apr 7, 1873; Aged 73y 8m 18d.(correction).
LEONARD, Sarah M.; d Oct 1, 1841; 16 mos.
LINE, Mary Jane; wife of John M.P. LINE; d Apr 9, 1881; 47y 6m 25d.
MORGAN, Rebecca K.; wife of Monfort MORGAN; d ____; Aged 54y 10m 5d (broken).
MULFORD, Elizabeth; wife of Joseph MULFORD; d Sept 16, 1876; 88y 8m.
MULFORD, Osee J.M.; dau of I.S. & E. MULFORD: d June 22, 1849; 1y 4m 24d.
MULFORD, William H.; son of J.D. & E.J.; d May 16, 1850; 28d.
NEER, Elizabeth; wife of Adam NEER; d Apr 21, 1852; 69y 2m 9d.
POOL, Inf son of G.G. & C. POOL; d Mar 26, 1864.
POOL, Mercy; wife of Rev. George POOL; d Mar 16, 1849; Aged 5(?)y 5m 10d (broken).
RANDALL, James W.; son of I. & M.J.; d Aug 9, 1871; Aged 4 mos.
RANDALL, Jane; wife of A. RANDALL; d ____ 1838; Aged 89y (correction & addition).
SLAGLE, Ann Eliza; dau D.H. & B.A. SLAGLE; d Feb 8, 1856; Aged 3y 3m 11d (addition).
SLAGLE, Ellenora; dau J.W. & M.C. SLAGLE; d June 22, 1873; Aged 6m 24d (addition & correction).
SMITH, William E.; son of Wesley & Louisa; d Apr 5, 1859; Aged 1y 5d.
SMOOT, Alice D.; dau of John H. & Eliza J. SMOOT; d Jan 8, 1864; 4m 8d.
SMOOT, George W.; son of John H. & Eliza J. SMOOT; d Nov 30, 1861; 1y 6m 4d.
STALEY, Catherine E.; wife of Roswell; d July 27, 1866; 22y 3m 6d.
STALEY, William J.; son of Isaiah & Milley; d Aug 21, 1841; 18y 3m 8d.
SUMMERS, Amanda J.; dau J.B. & M.A. SUMMERS; d June 20, 1852; Aged 10d (correction & addition).
WILKINSON, ____; d Oct 6, 1834; 10y 11m 10d (broken).
WILKINSON, ____; d Mar 3, 1851; 66y 3d (broken). (Court records verify this is Gabriel WILKINSON.)
WILKINSON, William J.; son of G.T. & Deborah WILKINSON; ____ (broken).

Pemberton Baptist Church



THE FIRST REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF PEMBERTON

Much credit is given Isaac Green, who in 1924 wrote a brief and concise history of the Baptist church in Pemberton on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Mr Green came to the United States from Canada, originally from England. His Declaration of Intent to become a citizen of the United States was dated 27 March 1888 and reveals he left England the 6th of March and arrived in New York the 14th day of March.

According to the Sidney Daily News of 6 June 1906, he built a large frame house in that year. The house still stands across from the schoolhouse which is now the Pemberton Elementary School. He was a prolific gardener and also raised chickens, some imported from England. His chickens were considered fancy breeds and he entered and won many ribbons from his flocks at National shows.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Green (Cora) were active members of the Baptist Church.

The opening of his church history bears repeating. "Churches are a great friend of mankind. They are hung with sweet memories and decked with loving hands and hearts. They are in the lives of the young and in the dreams of the old. They are the essence of love and fellowship. They meet us with outstretched arms and with songs of gladness and give to us gifts that gold cannot buy..."

The original church dates back to 1830 in Quincy, organized at the home of James Wilkinson, a Shelby County resident, by Elders Moses, Willis Hance, amd Moses Frazier Jr., with six charter members who were: Peter Kizer, Michael Cox, Catherine Kizer, Mary Jackson, Nancy Wilkinson and Sarah Manning. The church became known as the Regular Baptist Church of Christ on the Miami. Eight articles constituted their declaration of faith.

One year after being organized, the church had grown to eleven members. No regular meeting place had been found. Among their beliefs and duties was baptism by immersion only.

In August 1835 at the regular business meeting of the church a committee of four was appointed to look over a certain lot in the town of Quincy.

It was chosen and purchased by Thomas Wilkinson, Evan J. Schoolers, and Jesse Dodson, the first trustees. Under their direction the first meeting house was built. The building was eleven feet high, thirty feet wide, and forty feet in length. Elder Vaughn was the first pastor.

The church became divided. The brethren of the Old School refused to sit with the others who favored missions. In February of 1838 the Old School lost its power. From that time on the church was more at peace. In 1850 a committee was appointed to build a new and larger church at the same site. During the years, 1855 to 1859, under Elder Brower, the power of the church was at its greatest.

In May of 1872, the old meeting house was destroyed by a tornado. The members considered a new building either in Quincy or Pemberton. It was agreed it would be built at the place where the most money was raised. U.M. Stiles, Joseph Wilkinson, and Jacob Kerns were appointed as a building committee. In 1874 three-fourths of an acre was purchased from J.L. Kemp in Pemberton for $100. The bricks were burned and the church was built. The dedication was 15 November 1874, free of debt. The first pastor was A.J. Shepherd of Granville, OH. From 1875 to 1884, 111 people joined with the new church. In 1906 the parsonage was built. Memorial windows were installed in 1912 and Reverend Samuel Furrow was called as minister of the 167 members.

During the years, 1911 to 1913, names were signed to a pledge of abstinance for a group called the LINCOLN LEGION. The motto, Love, Sacrifice, Service. The original pledge, with 153 signatures, is on display at the church today.

"LOVE - SACRIFICE - SERVICE"

The Lincoln Legion

ABSTINENCE DEPARTMENT OF THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

I HEREBY ENROLL WITH THE LINCOLN LEGION AND PROMISE, WITH GOD'S HELP, TO KEEP THE FOLLOWING PLEDGE, WRITTEN, SIGNED AND ADVOCATED BY ABRAHAM LINCOLN:—

WHEREAS, THE USE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS AS A BEVERAGE IS PRODUCTIVE OF PAUPERISM, DEGRADATION AND CRIME, AND BELIEVING IT IS OUR DUTY TO DISCOURAGE THAT WHICH PRODUCES MORE EVIL THAN GOOD, WE THEREFORE PLEDGE OURSELVES TO ABSTAIN FROM THE USE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS AS A BEVERAGE

NAME Mrs. [illegible] DATE [illegible] 1911

THE DUPLICATE OF THIS PLEDGE IS DEPOSITED AT THE NATIONAL OFFICES OF THE LINCOLN LEGION, WESTERVILLE, OHIO

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Below the signatures on the original pledge is this paragraph:

> "This certifies that those whose names are written signed the Lincoln Pledge upon the dates above specified. Their duplicated pledges are filed at the National Offices of the Lincoln Legion, Westerville, OH.
> Rev. Harold Russell, General Secretary

The membership card shown on the bottom of page 2, was signed 19 March 1911 by Mrs. N.C. Enders, wife of Charles Enders. They were lifetime members of the Baptist church.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary, in 1924, the members of the Pemberton Methodist Church worshipped with the Baptist congregation. See copy of the anniversary program.

In 1923 the church received a deed for 40 acres of land from Sister Della Kerns. In 1987 a farm of 160 acres was bequeathed to the church by Mary Inez Pence, long time member.

In more recent years the parsonage, south side of the church, was sold and a frame house on the north purchased and remodeled for a parish house. The bell tower was rebuilt and a protection from the weather at the entrance was constructed. The original stone doorstop is used as a base for flower arrangements at the front of the church.

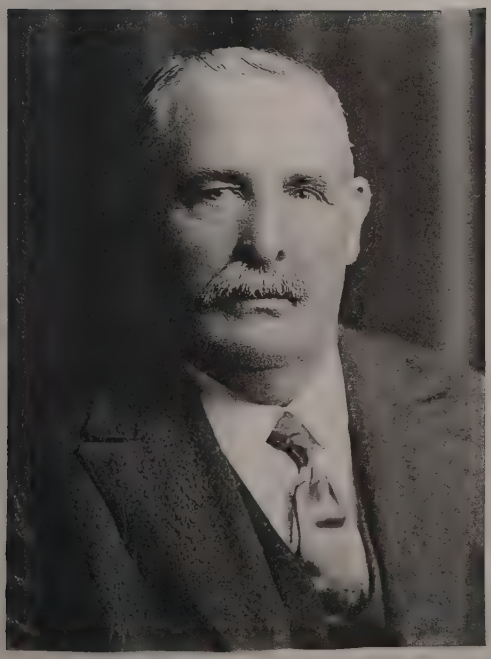
Names of church members have changed somewhat through the years and membership recently has shown a slight increase. The beautiful stained glass windows are now protected, new red drapes and indirect lighting have been installed. The walls are painted a soft yellow. Occasionally a baptism is performed, a very sacred service, at the indoor baptismal.

As of November 1998, the following are the names of those serving the church:

Pastor, Rev. Leo Scheffel
Treasurer, Ned Ailes
Trustees, Ned Ailes, Doris Shoemaker, Ira Puckett
Clerk, Patty Meyers
Organist, Cindy Waymire
Sunday School Superintendent, Helen Fogt

Researched from "A HISTORY OF THE PEMBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH", 1924, Isaac Green, by Loretta Cottrel.

EARLIER PICTURE OF
THE
PEMBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
1920 - 1930



ISAAC GREEN
HISTORIAN
PEMBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

1874 Fiftieth Anniversary 1924

Sunday, November 16, 1924

Morning Program

Bible School 9:15 — A Big Rally Day in all Departments

Solo ..... Mrs. Robert Higginbotham

Special Music by Junior Boys and Girls

Morning Worship, 10:30

Prelude ..... Hymn No. 311

Scripture Lesson and Prayer

Offertory, (with Doxology)

Special Music — Announcements

Sermon ..... Samuel Furrow

Subject: "Awake, Put On the Garments of the Soul,"

Hymn No. 315 — Benediction — Postlude

NOON—BASKET DINNER

Afternoon Service 1;30 — Song Service

Church History ..... Read by Isaac Green

Special Music ..... Male Quartet

Testimonial Meeting — Special Music

Response by the Visiting Churches

Song ..... "Bles't Be the Tie that Binds."

Sermon, ... Rev. Miller

Subject: "The Glory of the Church."

Song ..... "The Old Time Religion."

Evening Program

B. Y. P. U. 6:15

Special Music by the High School Girls' Quartet

Evening Worship 7:00

Piano Prelude — Song Service — Special Music

Scripture Lesson and Prayer — Special Music

Sermon ..... Rev. W. A. Holmes

Song ..... "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again."

Music for the day in charge of Cliff and Vessie Dill

Official Directory

Church Clerk ..... Miss Laura Ammon
Church Treasurer ..... I. M. Wilkinson
Financial Secretary ..... W. M. Buroker

Trustees

John Kemp — Irven Hain — Perry Ammon

Deacons

President ..... Chas. McCashen
Isaac Green, — Jacob Gross — Emanuel Struble

Financial Board

President ..... A. C. Dill
Treasurer ..... I. M. Wilkinson
Secretary ..... W. M. Buroker
R. H. Melhorn — Roy Ammon

Missionary

Secretary ..... Mrs. I. M. Wilkinson
Treasurer ..... Mrs. N. C. Enders
Church Pianist ..... Mabel Buroker
Asst. Church Pianist ..... Mabel Struble
Chorister ..... Samuel Furrow
Chorister Asst. ..... Miss Vessie Dill

Ladies Aid

President ..... Mrs. A. C. Dill
Secretary ..... Miss Vessie Dill
Treasurer ..... Mrs. Cora Green

Church School Directory

Superintendent ..... N. C. Enders
Assistant Superintendent ..... A. C. Dill
Secretary ..... Dorothy Buroker
Treasurer ..... Mrs. N. C. Enders
Pianist and Assistant ..... Mabel Struble Mabel Buroker
Chorister and Assistant ..... Vessie Dill and Pauline Melhorn
Librarian ..... Clara M. Enders
Cradle Roll Superintendent ..... Mrs. Calvin Boyer
Home Department Superintendent ..... Mrs. N. C. Enders

Executive Committee

Superintendent, — Asst. Superintendent, Secretary and Treasurer. — Pastor,

Teachers

Mabel Buroker ..... Primary
Vessie Dill ..... Junior Girls
Laura Ammon ..... Junior Boys
Cliff Dill ..... Volunteer Workers
Mrs. Isaac Green ..... Workers no Shirkers
Isaac Green ..... Brotherhood

Pemberton Methodist Church

PEMBERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

As the history of this small church, located in the equally small village of Pemberton, Shelby County, OH, unfolded, two previously written brief histories were consulted. Each described a little Methodist meeting house in Quincy, OH, Logan County, where the Methodists of the area at that time gathered to worship. The group, so the legend went, was led by Methodist Deacon, Peter Kiser. Information followed that the meeting house, and most of Quincy, were destroyed by a tornado in 1830.

Nowhere could be found any mention of such an occurrence. History books of Shelby and Logan Counties gave no information about the meeting house or a tornado in 1830. Even more puzzling, Peter Kiser was found to be a Charter Member and loyal follower of the Baptist church. One can almost hear the ancient bones rolling and rattling in the old Indian Creek Cemetery north of Pemberton where many of the earliest members of the congregations were buried. Although sleeping peacefully side by side for over a century, each denomination surely still believing in their individual doctrines.

Documentation was found in several old Logan and Shelby County records that a tornado in 1872 destroyed a Baptist church in Quincy where many of that religion attended from Pemberton and vicinity. Perhaps, through so many years, the history of the two churches, with both in the same town, became confused. The actual events are now impossible to prove or disprove. We can only concentrate on available history books and reliable written sources.

Sutton's History of Shelby County, OH, 1883, states the first M.E. Society in Perry Township was organized by Circuit rider, Thomas Simms, at the home of Booth Burdette, south of the current church, in 1833. Booth Burdette, in some records, was called a pioneer preacher and given credit for carrying the gospel, much as a circuit rider, throughout the area of eastern Perry Township. No official record was ever found that he was numbered among the Circuit riders. He did officiate at a few marriages, usually signing the certificate as B. Burdette, Justice of the Peace. He was a Virginian, located in Champaign County before coming to Perry Township. He died in 1843, aged 47 years.

The first class members of the M.E. Society were named as Booth and Sarah Burdette, George and Mercy Pool, Isaac and Mary Randall, Marcus and Rachel Peck, William McVeigh and wife and William Moore and wife. Meetings were held in homes or in a log schoolhouse in Pemberton, said to have been located near where the east crossing of the railroad is today. In 1843 a small frame church was built near the cemetery north of town. Proof the cemetery predates the church can be found in a few burials where tombstones give dates of death as early as 1835. The church was said to have been built north of Mosquito creek and east of the cemetery. Years ago a small square foundation could be seen in this vicinity.

The community had no name before 1852 when Pemberton officially became a village, therefore the society and cemetery were known as Indian Creek, a name retained by the cemetery to this day. In 1890 an Englishman identified only as Mr. Lang died. The local newspaper noted he was buried in the M.E. Cemetery north of Pemberton. No other reference was ever found to the cemetery as the M.E. burial ground.

From a history compiled by the late Loretta Cottrel in 1870, is taken the following information concerning the church of 1843.

"At the time the church was built, names on the record book were Randall, Moore, Beeson, Tuttle, Forsythe, Nichols, Alexander, Beatty, Hoover, Shepherd, Burdette and Elliott. The church was then on a Charge with Quincy and Pleasant Hill, both in Logan County."

"Written records recall the building was tall, with backless pews. Lighted candles were arranged along each sidewall with a snuffer so connected that when a cord was pulled, the candles were all extinguished at the same time. When the present house of worship was built in 1857, the old building was moved to the center of town near the area of what is now the east crossing. It was later sold to the railroad and eventually torn down."

From available records, William McVeigh organized the first Sunday School about 1835 with his home as the meeting place. Records are missing until about 1879 when class leaders for that year were James Johnson, John Blue and Ben Rinehart.

In 1852, an engineer on the construction of the CCC & I Railroad through the county named Isreal Pemberton, secured the name of Pemberton for the town. He favored the name to honor his brother, General Pemberton.

On January 2, 1857, with a membership of about 100, the trustees paid $50 to S.M. and Marie Allen, of Logan County, for the deed to Lot 7 in Pemberton. It is here the current church stands. Trustees of the church were Cyrus Apple, I.A. Wilkinson, Leonard and John Elliott. Construction on the church began as soon as the weather was favorable.

The first musical instrument of the church was a malodeon, purchased in 1861. Before that songs were sung or chanted without any musical accompaniment. The old hymnals contained words only. Music has always been an important part of any religious service. It has brought spiritual comfort in times of sorrow and joy to the happy occasions. The malodeon was replaced by a pump organ, then a piano, and in more recent years, an electric organ.

In 1885 the first remodeling of the church of 1857 took place. A contract was given, with the amount of $800 agreed upon for the work which started in May. By the 3rd of September the last job, interior painting by the Norton Brothers, was completed. The Dedication took place soon after. Rev. J.S. Blair preached the sermon with Rev. David Rinehart, pastor of the Sidney M.E. Church, and Rev. H.H. Winter of the Pemberton Baptist, in attendance.

History records the church was filled to capacity. Rev. Blair arrived in Pemberton the night before. Even so, he included much about the remodeling in his remarks.

"In 1857 a new church was built in Pemberton and dedicated. This edifice remained until this summer when steps were taken to remodel the building which was done by making it almost entirely new with the exception of the foundation and frame. The building is 56 by 40 feet, well seated with ash pews trimmed with walnut. There are fine chandeliers for lamps and beautiful chairs for the pulpit. The aisles are nicely carpeted. The work of rebuilding cost about $1400 almost all of which has been raised. Any unpaid balance will be assumed by the trustees of the church to the service of God, free of any incumberance This temple was built for the glory of God and the advancement of Christ's kingdom. The money you gave to build it will advance His cause. There is no name like Jesus..." A collection was then taken to be added to the remaining debt. The choir sang the Dedication Anthem.

The next records were in 1897 when Rev. D.G. Hall came on the Charge of Pemberton, Maplewood, Rum Creek and Port Jefferson. A parsonage was built in Port Jefferson in 1899.

Building repairs at Pemberton were made in 1901 and again in 1912. At that time the work included excavating a partial basement, installing a furnace, and laying carpet in the sanctuary. Eight stained glass windows at a cost of $570 were installed, thanks to the efforts of the Ladies' Aid.

In 1919 the Charge was again changed by the Annual Conference. Rum Creek was removed, making it a three-point charge. This arrangement lasted until 1951 when Pemberton became a station, Rev. Victor Wachs as pastor.

In 1964 the Conference did not appoint a minister. However in 1965 the Rev. James Rice accepted the pastorate along with that of the Jackson Center Methodist church. Again in 1967 the Conference left the church unserved. In that year the Pemberton Methodist and Pasco United Brethren were served by Harold Stockman as a yoked Parish. In 1968 the two denominations, Methodist and United Brethren were formally joined and that arrangement exists to date. One minister supplies both Pasco United Methodist and Pemberton United Methodist.

The next remodeling project came in 1951, with the funding drive started in 1945. This renovation brought more physical changes to the building than any previously done. Additional rooms were added to the back of the sanctuary, allowing more space for various functions of the church. A few years later the supports under the main part of the church had to be replaced and it was then decided to finish the basement. The church was rewired, a more modern furnace installed as well as a much needed speaker system. A new organ and candelabras were donated along with a beautiful new altar set.

In more recent years additional changes and improvements have been made. These include modern restrooms, a comfortable lounge and meeting room, conversion of the furnace from oil to gas and a completely new kitchen on the lower level. A nursery was added for the small children.

Sometime later it became necessary to strengthen the aged belfry tower. To accomplish this, the large, heavy church bell was removed. Despite its weight, the bell was successfully moved and replaced when the tower was repaired. More interior redecorating was done throughout the church with exterior projects of installing storm windows and adding siding to the outer walls of the building.

A beautiful altar rail and communion table were designed, built and donated to the sanctuary by Clyde Adams, master carpenter and cabinent maker. He and his wife, Ada Johnston Adams, were longtime members of the church.

The women of the church have been responsible for financing many of the improvements through the years. Their service continues to be invaluable. Suppers, ice cream socials, festivals and other entertainments have been planned and presented from the days of the first little church of 1843. In an earlier time, all day meetings were held. They sewed carpet rags for the first carpet to cover the church floor.Barrels were filled to send to mission fields, or to the poor and needy. Bandages were made during war years to supply the field medics. For many years, it was a custom to serve dinner and supper to the voters of Perry Township on Election Day, one of the more profitable enterprises.

Through the cooperation of lifelong member, William "Bill" Cottrel, popular auctioneer, the most recent financial endeavor of the Methodist women has been to serve lunches at auctions. It has been a mutual advantageous arrangement. People attend for miles around to partake of the home-made pies, soup and sandwiches. While there they almost always support the sale.

Not to be overlooked, the men have donated countless hours of labor. Each time a remodeling project was undertaken, or more often, when minor repairs were nesessary, the men were on hand to volunteer time and talent. With team work by all the congregation the Pemberton Methodist church, inside and out, remains beautiful and serviceable through the years.

The most exciting and notable thing to happen within the church at the turn of the century has been the three members who answered the call to the ministry. Barbara Staley, wife of Charles Staley, became a Methodist minister in 1999 and is now supplying the United Methodist churches of Maplewood and Port Jefferson.

John Leighty, son of John and Marsha Pepper Leighty, in 2000 followed her example and became the minister at Hardin and New Hope churches in western Shelby County. John's grandparents on both sides were faithful Methodists and active in the Pemberton church. They were Cable and Wilda Pepper and Ed and Amy Leighty.

Pamela Sayre is in her final days of studying for the ministry. She is the oldest daughter of Dan and Tonya Sayre and also descends from dedicated Methodist ancestors. Her great grandparents were Clyde and Ada Adams and grandfather, the late Clarence Piper, grandmother, Phyllis Piper.

This is a laudable record for a small church in a small town. The congregation, as well as the community, wishes each one success and happiness in their chosen religious endeavors.

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Gratitude is expressed to all who supplied information to add to the church history and to the other records concerning the Pemberton Methodist church.

MINISTERS OF THE PEMBERTON METHODIST CHURCH

From an early history of the church, eight names were listed as former preachers before 1843. These were not found in the Archives at Ohio Wesleyan, Delaware, OH. A few names were found among the circuit riders. The eight names are listed below, followed by those researched by Susan Cohen, Archivist at Ohio Wesleyan. Our gratitude to Susan, without whose diligent research, the complete list would not have been possible.

Thomas Simms
William McVeigh
Daniel D. Davidson
Rev. Lewis
A.J. Fish
Joseph Smith
William Scoles
William Miller

1843 E. Williams & T.H. Wilson
1844 C.B. Brandyberry & H. Hudson
1845 C.B. Brandtberry
1846 A Haremount
1847 C. Coleman
1848 J.S. Kalb
1849 P.R. Roseberry
1850 Jacob Albright & Henry Burns
1851 Moses B. Hebbard
1852 L.C. Webster & Alason Foster
1853 Wm. Baker & Stephen Shaffer
1854 Henry Sheldon
1855 Greshom Lease
1856 Moses Hebbard
1857 Patrick J. Goode
1858 Aaron J. Stubbs
1859 William J. Peck
1860 John L. Bates
1861 Jason Young
1862 Reuben D. Oldfield
1863-85 Isaac N. Smith
1866-68 Joseph A. Ferguson
1869 Burton J. Headley
1870 Henry L. Springler
1871-72 Philip A. Drown
1873 Wesley S. Rea
1874-75 Oscar A. Palmer
1876-78 George Matthews
1879-80 Josiah F. Crooks
1881 Harrison m. Markwith
1882-83 John L. Bates
1884 William G. Littell
1885-86 Benjamin W. Day
1887-88 Stephen O. Young
1889 Charles F. Gowdy
1890 Friend J. Robinson
1891-92 Lawrence H. Lindsey
1893-94 William Deal
1895-96 W.P. Bender
1897-02 D.G. Hall
1903-04 N.D. Bigelow
1905 H.C. Burger
1906-08 W.E. Ice
1909 J. C. Sinclair
1910-11 G.H Wolcott
1912-13 F.M. Houser
1914-15 Robert Kennedy
1916 Richard Pengully
1917-19 B.L. Bussard
1920-21 C.E. Stuck
1922 W.J. Waterman
1923-24 J.A. Sopher
1925-28 C.R. Rudy
1929 E.S. Wilson
1930-34 F.A. Rinehart
1935-36 F.J. Batterson
1937-44 P.R. Fox
1945-46 J.L. Kunze
1947-48 George Thompson
1949-50 Benjamin Loan
1951-52 Victor Wachs
1953-60 E.A. Oliver
1961-62 Lloyd D. Tennies
1963 George H. Myers Jr.
1965-65
1966-67 James H. Rice
1968-69 Harold Stockman
1970-71 Kenneth E. Nason
1972-75 Glenn Howard
1976-78 Thomas Gaiser
1979-82 Ronald Chrisley
1983-85 David R. Gerber
1986-91 Albert R. Briggs
1992-94 Richard Kusunic
1995-97 Nancy Ratz
1998-00 Theodore Cano
2001- Gary Petry

PEMBERTON UNITED METHODIST OFFICERS, 2001

Delegate to Annual Conference	Dan Sayre
Lay Leader	Dan Hubler
Administrative Council Chairman	Bill Cottrel
President of UMW	June Meyers
Financial Secretary	Dan Sayre
Church Treasurer	Linda Piper
Local Church Historian	June Meyers
Staff & Conference Secretary	Kris Kirtley
District Union Representative	Earl Morris
Sunday School Treasurer	Tyler Jackson & Linda Piper
Membership Secretary	Lillie Cost

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Deb Orsborne, Co-Chairman
Cindy Jackson, Co-Chairman
Jan Davidson
Rita Borland
Joy Morris
Linda Piper

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Linda Piper
Cindy Jackson

EDUCATION

Ed Barger, Co-Chairman
Linda Piper, Co-Chairman
Dan Sayre
Lillie Cost

FINANCE

Dan Sayre, Chairman
Cindy Jackson
Eva Arnett
Linda Piper
Charles Cost (Trustee Rep)

OUTREACH

June Meyers, Chairman
Jill Barger
Kathleen Shatto
Esther Knasel

NOMINATIONS, 3 years

Ann Critchfield, 01
Cindy Jackson, 01
Charles Cost, 03
Rita Borland, 02
Jill Barger, 02

PASTOR PARISH, 3 years

Eva Arnett, 01
Lillie Cost, o2
Dan Hubler,
Lay Leader
Bill Cottrel, 02
Deb Orsborne, 03

TRUSTEES, 3 years

Charles Cost, 01
Ralph Davidson, 01
Bob Cost, 02
Jean Cottrel, 03
Randy Jackson
Toni Sayre
John Leighty II, 02

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Isabel Clay
Phyllis Piper

HARBOUR ELEVATOR
Just before it was torn down
February 1998

J. W. Simmons

Grain, Seeds, Coal, Flour, Fencing,

Posts, Tile, Etc.

Feed grinding & mixing

Manufacturer of

Simco Mineralized Feeds

for

Livestock & Poultry

PHONES:

Hilltop 1390 Res. Main 1710

PEMBERTON, OHIO

GRAIN ELEVATORS OF PEMBERTON

Grain handling has been the primary business in Pemberton almost from the beginning of the village. As soon as the railroad was completed, about 1854, the warehouse of Irwin Nutt was erected. Located on Lot 51, directly north of the railroad and facing Main Street, Irwin and his son, Edward, bought and sold grain until 1857 when the elder Nutt located in Sidney, leaving Edward to continue the business in Pemberton. Mr. Nutt operated a grain company in Sidney many years, where he was later joined by Edward. The Nutt warehouse in Pemberton is believed to have been destroyed by fire.

Isaac Wilkinson and his son, Jacob P. Wilkinson, were credited by Sutton, 1883 History of Shelby County, as having been the first to build, own and operate a typical grain elevator in Pemberton. Erected a few years before the Civil War, the building was in the same vicinity as the Nutt Warehouse, adjacent to the railroad. The elder Wilkinson died in 1862 and in 1873, O. J. Barringer joined Jacob Wilkinson as a partner. A few years later Jacob retired and David Slagle became active in the business with Mr. Barringer. In May, 1877, an item in the local newspaper gave the information that a fire had been discovered a few days ago in the grain elevator of Barringer and Slagle. It was found in time to be extinguished with no great damage. It was suggested some tramps, or possibly drunks, may have been responsible.

The decade of the 1870s must have been the most prosperous years for Barringer & Slagle for in October of 1882, the following item appeared in the Sidney Journal. "The suspension of the well-known grain dealers of Pemberton, Barringer & Slagle, has caused much excitement among business men. These gentlemen have been in the grain business 8 or 10 years and have had a large trade and good credit. Mr. Barringer was township treasurer and both men have the sympathy of the community in their failure to meet their obligations. It is thought their liabilities will reach $12,000. The township is secured and will lose nothing...."

Little is known of the elevator operation until 1887 when it was bought by Michael Burke, presumably from Barringer & Slagle. During his ownership an attempted break-in, August 1898, created considerable excitement in the town. An unsuccessful attempt to blow up the safe caused the thieves to leave quickly and empty-handed. One fuse did explode but the safe remained intact.

Judson Ward Simmons bought the elevator from Mr. Burke in 1921. See account of the Pemberton Farmers Exchange herein. At different times before 1910, H.M. Faulkner and O.W. Cook were involved in the business. By 1946, when Mr. Simmons sold to the stockholders of the Pemberton Farmers Exchange, he was sole owner.

About 1903 Louis G. Shanley and Elmer E. Harbour combined their resources and built an elevator directly west and across Main Street from the Simmons facility. The alliance did not long survive. Harbour soon sold out to Shanley. Included with the sale was the agreement Harbour would not build another elevator in the vicinity to compete with Shanley. By July, 1909, Harbour had another elevator standing in the north end of Pemberton, ready to do business.

At that time, the following advertisement appeared in local newspapers:

E.E. Harbour & Son
PEMBERTON, OHIO
Solicit your patronage

HANDLE ALL KINDS
OF GRAINS, SEEDS,
SALT, CEMENT ETC.

We will furnish sacks to our
Customers during Threshing Times

PAY HIGHEST CASH PRICE

F O R G R A I N !

The breach of promise so angered Shanley that he sued Harbour in an attempt to prevent him from ever doing any public business at his elevator. For many years, it was used primarily for the farming operations of the Harbour family. In February, 1998, the elevator was razed. People of the town and surrounding area who had passed the building countless times with little interest, gatherer to take snapshots, video pictures, and to look for souvenirs.

The following year a new and wider bridge over Mosquito Creek, which flowed along the side of the elevator, was installed. In December, 2001, the large bank barn owned by Harbour which stood to the east of the elevator for as long as anyone living could remember, was demolished.

The Shanley Elevator was sold to the stockholders of the Pemberton Farmers Exchange in 1919 and, with the purchase of the Simmons elevator in 1946, the complex served the farmers of the area until 1956. In that year it was sold to the Quincy Grain Company but their operation of the business was brief. In the same year, it was again sold to Occidental Chemical Company. By 1972, Bambauers Incorporated, owned the facility. The elevator was gradually upgraded to a modern and efficient operation, able to receive and handle 75,000 bushels of grain in one day of harvest season, with a storage capacity of 580,000 bushels.

Bambauers Incorporated is a family operated business. The friendly faces of Dick, O'Greta, and daughter Lisa, continue to greet customers and obligingly provide what ever is needed for planting or harvest.

The grain handling business in Pemberton has come a long way since the primitive warehouse of Irwin Nutt; since Barringer & Slagle capably took in 1,000 bushels of grain in one day, and since the Pemberton Farmers Exchange boasted a storage facility of 30,000 bushels.

The Nutt warehouse and feed mill in Sidney. Probably compares to those built early in Pemberton.

HISTORY OF PEMBERTON FARMERS ELEVATOR

Sidney Daily News

2 March 1956

PEMBERTON - Six hundred percent increase in stockholders in 37 years. That can be the boast of the Pemberton Farmers Exchange Association which operates the grain elevator in this Perry Township community.

Back in 1919, 66 area farmers formed the association and bought the elevator plant from L.G. Shanley. Shanley built the elevator sometime after the turn of the century.

Today the elevator has approximately 400 stock-owning members.

R.N. Clay, manager for the past 27 years, said many of the stockholders obtained their stock by doing business with the firm.

Clay said farmers, who do a certain amount of business with the firm, are automatically given stock in the controlling association.

W.C. Ammon is president of the five man board of directors. Other members are Melvin Slonkosky, vice president; Harold Brautigam, secretary; Fred Frazier, treasurer; and George Blackford. Blackford is a charter member of the association and a member of the original board.

The cooperative, which buys and sells grain, in addition to doing custom grinding and selling general farm supplies, employs four persons in addition to the manager.

They are L.A. Franks, Ralph Davidson, Warren Clay and Mrs. Lucille Pfister, who does much of the office work.

The firm's office quarters, located in the front portion of three buildings fronting on the New York Central Railroad, is erected on the site of a former coalyard.

As Clay explains it, when the association purchased the elevator plant, the cooperative also obtained title to the coalyard operated in conjunction with the elevator.

Later, Clay said he had a three room dwelling at the rear of the elevator moved to the coalyard site, then installed scales at the front of the dwelling and erected a shelter over the scales.

More than ten years ago, the cooperative bought an elevator from J.W. Simmons. The Simmons Elevator was directly across the street from the association's office. Today the elevator is used primarily for storage purposes.

Need for additional storage space brought about the erection of an addition to the original elevator plant about five years ago. Other recent improvements at the elevator include the installation of new grinding equipment and the erection of a new corn cob burner.

Acquisition of the Simmons elevator, plus the addition to the original elevator plant gives the cooperative a total storage capacity of approximately 30,000 bushels.

AS THE PEMBERTON ELEVATOR
APPEARED BEFORE THE TWO FIRES OF 1959

Two spectacular fires occurred at the Pemberton Elevator in March & November, 1959. Both destroyed buildings connected with the business. The first was on Wednesday afternoon, March 18th. An unused storage warehouse, located between Main & Palestine Streets north of the railroad, was burned to the ground. Other buildings nearby were threatened but saved by a combined group of fire companies. The grocery of Marion Herring, which also housed the post office, was one of the endangered buildings.

The second fire happened just after midnight on Tuesday, November 24th. Completely destroyed was the elevator building to the west of the office. Firemen from several companies fought the flames until 5 a.m. They were successful in saving the office building and surrounding homes. Kenneth Oman was the elevator manager at the time of both fires.

HOTELS OF PEMBERTON

Two hotels are known to have existed in Pemberton. The Forsythe fronted Palestine Street and was located on the north side of the railroad near the tracks. It was owned and operated by G.R. Forsythe. The other, said to have been the first hotel in town, was on the south side of the rail road, also near the tracks fronting Palestine Street, owned by Jacob V. Wilson.

Jacob V. Wilson was the father of Susanna Wilson who married Jacob Slagle. In 1872 Mr. Wilson sold the hotel to Jacob and Susanna. Jacob's brother, Henry, assisted them in operating the business. The Slagle House was in operation as late as 1906, for an item about Pemberton, in the SIDNEY DAILY NEWS, mentioned the well at the hotel... "It is almost a town well as nearly everyone stops there for a drink..." Susanna Slagle was mentioned as the hotel keeper in the early 1900s.

In May of 1880, a Pemberton item revealed the following change in ownership of the Forsythe Hotel. "G.R. Forsythe, 26 years in Pemberton, moved to Xenia on Thursday last. H.H. Staley has rented the house vacated by Forsythe for the purpose of keeping a hotel. He and his wife will soon be prepared to entertain travelers handsomely..."

Sadly, no description of the early Pemberton hotels could be found. Did they compare to the hotels of the Old West, where two and sometimes three strangers shared one uncomfortable bed? Did a bath mean two or three inches of cold water in a tub unscrubbed between occupants, with a small cake of skin-irritating soap and napkin-sized thin towel supplied? Were the sheets, if any, changed more often than every six months and did the wind blow so strongly between the boards, or logs, of the building that the bedside candles were extinguished?

We will never know. We can only hope Mr. Wilson, Jacob and Susanna Slagle, Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Staley, offered far better accomodations to the travelers passing through Pemberton.

ITEMS OF INTEREST, PEMBERTON

PUBLIC AUCTION

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF STOCK

30 JANUARY 1884

LATE RESIDENCE OF DANIEL VANDEMARK

VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON, OH

One pair grey geldings, 5 years old
One pair bay geldings
Large draft team
One family horse, BLUE JOHN, 5 years old
One large bay mare. FRENCH, 5 years old

Two good brood mares, both in foal
One two year old grey gelding,
FLYING CLOUD
Three good yearling colts
One spring colt
10 milch cows
Two young bulls
35 two years old cattle
15 head of yearlings
Eight spring calves
150 head of sheep

87 hogs
Corn in the field
Old corn in the crib
180 shocks of corn in the field
Oats in the bin
Wheat in the Granary
Hay in the stack and barn
Growing crop in the ground
Wagons
Buggy
Reaping machine
Combined harness
Farming implements
Goods & Chattles too numerous
to mention

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PERRY TOWNSHIP MUTUAL PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF OHIO

1897

Object: It shall be the object of this association to use every effort, consistent with good judgement, to reclaim any property valued at $5.00 or over that may be stolen from a member in good standing of this association.

OFFICERS

Lon DeWeese, President
John Stiles, Vice President
G.M. Hill, Secretary
Dr. T.B. Cable, Treasurer

J.C. Ward, Captain
J.M. DeWeese, 1st Lieutenant
B.F. Kiser, 2nd Lieutenant

Trustees, J.D. DeWeese E.E. Harbour J.H. Kemp D.O. Schenck H.N. Clayton

MUSIC OF PEMBERTON

News items taken from the SIDNEY JOURNAL

January 1880:

Now who says our band cannot play? They discourse some very good music in the streets every Friday night. It should be considered a town affair and the citizens should be sufficiently interested to help them procure suits, teacher, etc. Could not the ladies give a festival for them?

February 1880:

Our brass band of the sweet long ago has reorganized and is improving rapidly, It will soon be a credit to the town and their teacher. One notable feature in their meetings is the prohibition of everything even resembling profanity, the same being finable according to the offense.

May 1880:

The band boys will give an entertainment soon, of which further mention will be made with the editor's permission, in these writings. The people of Pemberton and vicinity should give them a full house and be glad of the opportunity to patronize them. They, as a band, are very deserving.

June 1880:

The members of the Pemberton Brass Band, assisted by a number of gentlemen and ladies, will give an entertainment at the M.E. Church on Wednesday evening, June 16th. They have prepared a full and interesting programme. The participants are sparing no pains, or exertions, to render their parts well. The band will deliver some excellent pieces of music which they are preparing especially for the occasion. The price of admission being very low, so low, that the masses of the town and surrounding country or in fact "whosoever will" can afford to come. A good house is expected and all present will be compensated by the exercises of the evening.

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May 1882:

The Pemberton Band has received their new uniforms and will now appear in good style. While the boys have, from time to time, received some solid evidence of being appreciated, we think they have never received the encouragement they have merited.

June 1882:

THE MUSICAL FESTIVAL..... The Shelby County Music Festival held at Monumental Hall June 3rd was a success in every particular and reflected credit on all who were in any way connected with it. The organizations that took part and assisted in making the effort a success were; Sidney Orchestra; Klute's Band; Pemberton Band; Kirkwood Band; and vocal classes from Hardin, Port Jefferson, Wesley Chapel, Georgetown, Ikes, and Union. The musicians were brought together from all parts of the county and led to feel the benefits of unselfish friendship among musical people.

PEMBERTON SALOONS

The first "official" saloon in Pemberton began operation in late 1879 or early 1880. Prior to that time records have been found indicating liquor licenses were obtained by persons in Perry Township, perhaps for sales from private homes. The following items from Pemberton News columns in the SIDNEY JOURNAL describe some of the drinking problems of the town.

February 1880:

We have heretofore had a peaceful and pleasant little village not cursed with one of those dens that brutalize men, distract mothers and wives, and disgrace children. This winter a saloon was introduced and by the staggering forms, fearful oaths, and debauchery of all kinds we see and hear constantly, has become familiarly acquainted with many of our citizens. It has been an annoyance and thorn to the town ever since its initiation and its evil effects are felt by all. The people wish it and its keepers (unless they see the sin and folly of dealing in the liquor traffic) well in Jericho!!

May 1880:

All nature seems to rejoice in the fact that a bountiful harvest of everything needful is approaching. The wheat fields "wave with joy" and the fruits are hanging in full bloom. Amid all these and other flattering prospects, Pemberton has never been more bitterly cursed with drunkards, loafers, and gamblers. Men, who can hardly keep their wives and little children above want, who should every minute be at some honest industry, are seen staggering through the streets, the pitiable and wretched victims of whiskey.

June 1880:

Ad Wilson, of Urbana, bought a good stock of goods to Pemberton for the purpose of selling them at auction. But the near proximity of saloons kept the gentleman in such a beastly state of intoxication as to render himself disgusting in the extreme and attention to business an impossibility. After a few days stay he left for Carysville.

PEMBERTON TEMPERANCE UNION

With such deplorable conditions in the town, small wonder the "dry" and worthy females of Pemberton organized a W.C.T.U. in June 1881. By May, 1882, the Union was well organized. Members held a meeting at the Baptist Church. Essays by W.W. Thompson and Nettie Stephenson were on the program. Readings by Laura DeWeese and Tina Ray also were given. An entertaining debate between G.K. Monroe and U.M. Stiles followed. Those present were invited to deposit in the Question Box an answer to, "What is the difference between a drunkard and a moderate drinker?" A prize was given to C.W. Harbour for the best answer. Harbour gave the one word response, "Time!"

At a following meeting the debate was on the subject, "Which is more useful to the town, a horse thief or a saloon keeper?" No report as to the outcome of the discussion.

In April, 1895, A W.C.T.U. meeting was held at the Baptist Church. The following officers were elected.

President..... Cora DeWeese
V. Presidents..... Mrs. Jennie Carmony
Vesta Harbour
Secretary..... Cora Kelly (Recording)
Secretary..... Minnie Ross (Corresponding)
Treasurer..... Mrs. Wm. DeWeese
Evangelical Work.. Mrs. R.E. Harbour
Franchise..... Mrs. I.M. Wilkinson
L.T.I..... Miss Anna Stiles
Press work..... Cora Kelley
Flowers..... Mrs. Laura Carmony

At a meeting in August, 1895, the following program was presented. This assembly met in the M.E. Church, Pemberton.

Devotional Meeting..... Mrs. Mary DeWeese
Song by the choir
Welcome address..... Miss Cora DeWeese
Response.....Mrs. Glorianna Driscoll
Solo.....Mrs. Jennie Carmony
Recitation, Horrors of Liquor Traffic.Miss Milly Adlard

Noontide Prayer

Recreational Meeting.....Mrs. C.F. Gowdy
Song by the choir
Recitation, Archie's Mother.....Miss Minnie Ross
Paper, Women's Relation to Temperance.Mrs. James Alexander
Solo.....Miss Stella Stiles
Paper, Sabbath Observation.....Mrs. Charles Johnston
Recitation.....Mrs. Martha Bell
Question Box.....Mrs. J.P. Robb

The Pemberton W.C.T.U. continued to be active and kept Pemberton dry despite much activity to the contrary. Those dedicated women, together with the Advocates of Temperence, Pemberton Mens' Lodge, would be pleased to know there are NO saloons in Pemberton in the 21st century....

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January, 1905 The citizens of Pemberton met Friday night for the purpose of organizing a fire department. The meeting was called to order and G.K. Monroe was appointed chairman, Harry Faulkner, secretary. A discussion was then had and the sense of the meeting was to get good man power, force pump, and tank mounted on a truck, a good set of ladders, fire axes and a sufficient amount of hose. A subscription was taken and $75.00 raised in a few minutes. Two committees were then appointed, one to solicit subscriptions and the other to formulate a plan as to what will be needed and the cost. Meeting then adjourned to meet next Friday night.

(Surprised to learn Pemberton once entertained the idea of a fire department? For a further shock see next page, copy of a deed dated 1880, Pemberton Building & Loan Association!!)

Pembelon B. & Loan Association
TO
W. M. Stiles

Know all Men by these Presents:

That The Pembelon Building and Loan Association of the County of Shelby State of Ohio.

in consideration of Six Hundred Dollars to them paid by W. M. Stiles of the County of Shelby and State of Ohio the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby Grant, Bargain, Sell, and Convey to the said W. M. Stiles his heirs and assigns, forev

The following described Real estate situate in the County of Shelby St of Ohio. viz: Commencing at the South East corner of Wm Burns lo thence South to the center of the Bellefontaine & Indiana Rail R thence East one hundred rods, to the town plat of the town of Pe bolon: Thence North to the North West corner of said Town of Pembel Thence west one hundred rods to the place of beginning containing ti acres more or less. Excepting therefrom 2½ acres School house site in N. East corner. Also 9 2/10 acres conveyed to Ruth R. Wilkinson. Also. Rig way to Rail Road, being balance known conveyed of 9 2/10 acres more less, Said land being a part of the South East quarter of Section Eo (11) Town two (2) of range thirteen (13) M. R. S. situated in Shelby Co. O

and all the Estate, Title, and Interest of the said Pembelon Building and Loan Association either in Law or in Equity, of, in, and to the said premises: Together with all the privileges and appurtenances to t same belonging, and all the rents, issues, and profits thereof; To Have and to Hold the same to the only proper use of the sa W. M. Stiles and his heirs and assigns, forev

And the said Pembelon Building and Loan Association do for themselves and for their heirs, executors, and administrators, do here Covenant with the said W. M. Stiles his heirs and assigns, that they are the true and lawful owner of the said premis and have full power to convey the same; and that the title, so conveyed, is Clear, Free, and Unincumbered; and further, that they will Warrant and Defend the same against all claim or claims of all persons whomsoever.

In Witness Whereof, the said Pembelon Building and Loan Association do hereby release their right and expectancy of Dower in the said premises, have hereunto set their hand and seal th 15th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

Signed, Sealed, and Acknowledged in Presence of Us:
I. C. Newman
J. R. Woolley

T. B. Lehman President (S)
S. C. Lehman Secy. (S)
of Pembelon Building and (S)
Loan Association (S)

THE STATE OF OHIO, } BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the 15 day of April in the
County of Shelby ss. } of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, before me, the subscr
Justice of the Peace personally came the Grantor in the foregoing Deed, and acknowledged the s
ing and sealing thereof to be their voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned. ~~And the said~~ ~~of the~~

being examined by me separate and apart from said husband and the contents of said Deed being by me made known and explained to as the Statute directs, declared that did voluntarily sign, seal, and acknowledge the same, and that still satisfied therewith as act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name ~~and affixed my~~ seal ~~on the day and~~ year aforesaid.

Received August 4th A. D. 1880 at 11½ A. M.

Recorded August 7th A. D. 1880,

G. W. Clark J. P.

THUMBNAIL SKETCHES

Many of the people who once walked the streets of Pemberton are remembered because of what they did or what happened to them. Some are recalled here.

The singing Elliott brothers, tenor Bill and bass Burdette. Their God-given voices blended sweetly in Pemberton choirs and quartettes many years.

Uriah M. Stiles, faithful Baptist, wealthy and generous. Donated to the Pemberton Baptist congregation their first organ.

Bob Clay, congenial grain elevator manager and avid wrestling fan. One fatal night, while attending a match in Piqua, his heart stopped forever.

Jimmie Halter, beloved janitor of the Perry Township school. With his friends swapping stories one night at Herring's Grocery, he sighed and quietly expired.

Martin V. White, husband, father of three children, brakeman on the CCC & I Railroad. Accidentally and tragically killed while on duty Christmas day, 1875.

Foster Shopp, giant of a railroad man. Operated with ease his side of the old fashioned, manually operated hand car.

Ike Ray, devoted son and sole support of an aged mother. Brutally murdered near his home one moonlit night. His inhumane slayer never apprehended.

Doc Gaines, overworked and underpaid physician. Never refused a call day or night. His booming laugh, folks said, was almost as good as his medicine.

Bill Cottrel, talented blacksmith and friend to all. Shod untold numbers of horses and, in his spare time, invented useful items to aid area farmers.

Sidney Ailes, lame but active and stern schoolteacher. His highly successful methods of discipline would not be allowed today.

Ethel Boyer, small in size but large in numerous fields of knowledge. A widow, she was the first elected Perry Township female school board member.

Doc Simmons, Civil War Veteran.Practiced in both Quincy and Pemberton.

Gene Heaton, quiet, neighborly, conscientious janitor of the Perry Township School. Committed suicide Labor Day, 1952, for seemingly no particular reason.

Dr. Smoot, physician in horse and buggy days. Lost all he had, his family and his life, to the addictions of drugs and drink.

Clarence Davidson, devoted family man. So skilled in penmanship he was often asked to inscribe the high school graduation diplomas.

Lloyd "Moxie" Zimpher, hard of hearing but aware of all town happenings. Cultivated a large garden each year, gave most of the produce away.

Delilah Kiser, Aunt Lile. Sang beautiful and on key alto in the M.E. choir. Her weedfree flower bed the most admired and envied in town.

Isaac Green, English born and bred, a scholarly man. Wrote many published articles about his native England. Owned one of the first autos in Pemberton.

Cable Pepper, born a twin. Blessed with many talents. Religious man, Gideon and Sunday School teacher. Lived briefly in Pemberton, later spent many hours here in his pursuit of the oldest form of animal husbandry, Bee Keeping.

Oscar Swiger, owner, sole mechanic of a small auto repair shop in Pemberton. After stricken with a heart attack, he learned to knit. Made and gave away untold numbers of various sized booties.

Bill Robbins, unisex barber and grocery owner. Cut hair in upstairs shop for 20 years while wife, Gladys, cooked, cleaned, clerked and kept house in living quarters below. Bill gave every child a 5¢ sack of candy in addition to a 25¢ haircut.

Arch Davidson, early resident, self-taught and talented carpenter and contractor. Built numerous houses in Pemberton, many still in use a century later.

Elmer E. Harbour, grain elevator builder, business man, landowner. So unpopular and disliked it was said his son was obliged to pay the pall bearers who carried him to his last resting place.

John Hufford, long time resident, grocery owner, saloon keeper. War of 1812 Veteran. In 1882, aged 95, he made the undisputed claim to be the oldest man in all of Shelby County.

Laura Hufford, unfriendly clerk in grocery of husband, John. Kept a diary off and on for 22 years. Recorded most local deaths, some national news, and all weather conditions.

Jackson White, multi-talented native of West Liberty, Logan Co., OH. Railroad worker, postmaster, restaurant owner, said to have been a member of the Pemberton band. Eldest daughter, Mary, wife of A.J. Davidson Sr., descendant of the pioneer Davidsons.

Thomas Donaldson, born under an unlucky star. Wife burned to death in 1880, house fire. Four years later Tom drank too much at a bar in Sidney, was put off the train going to Pemberton. Started to stagger home, fell from the iron bridge in east Sidney where he lay all night. Found next morning, lived one week.

Albert Gephart, rheumatic, disagreeable, well digger and plumber. Brother-in-law, Nolan Hain, unwilling and unskilled helper, did little for his disposition.

Frank Snavely, farmer in the days of horse-drawn machinery. Retired to Pemberton. He and wife, Lulu, faithful members of the Methodist church. Frank held the town record for blissfully sleeping through Sunday morning sermons.

Henry Shifflet, staunch Democrat and loyal Cincinnati Reds fan. Lost his sight in early manhood, spent the remainder of his days in darkness.

Marion "Jake" Herring, school bus driver, grocer, postmaster. Married Frances Fergus, 3rd & 4th grade teacher at the Perry Township school thus romantically ending her professional career.

Benny Leveck, desperately poor but generally honest. Came with his family to every winter time funeral in town. Sat quietly in the back, first to come, last to leave. Sympathetic folks knew they came to get warm.

Harry Wirick, profilic gardener. His green thumb probably encouraged by the location of his garden, a former livery stable.

Ned Ailes, long time resident of the town. Often bearded, Ned attracted much attention when he rode his antique, high-wheeled bicycle about the village.

Julie Hume, dressmaker, specializing in alterations. One of few town spinsters.

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MERCHANTS OF PEMBERTON

The first Federal Census, after the platting of Pemberton in 1852, came 8 years later in 1860. In that year, four business men were mentioned as being active in the town. They were:

Thomas Kiser, Grocer
J.W. Driscoll, MD
G.R. Forsythe, Trader in General
R.D. Coon, Postmaster

In addition, John Graham was mentioned as an M.E. preacher.

The census of 1870 nearly doubled the merchants:

Elias B. Sturm, Grocer
Edward Nutt, Grain Merchant
Joseph Beeson, Grocer
John Brankle, Blacksmith
George Forsythe, Dry Goods Merchant
Jacob V. Wilson, Hotel Keeper
Samuel R. Knisler, MD

Baptist Minister, Adam Snider, was a resident of the town.

The following in 1880:

Jacob M. Forsythe, Grocer
Newton Miller, Grocer
Jacob Halboth, Dry Goods Merchant
Jacob Beeson, Saloon Keeper
John Brankle, Blacksmith
Delmar Stiles, Blacksmith
George W. Buckingham, Blacksmith
Henry & Jacob Staley, Hotel Keepers
David D. Slagle, Grain Dealer
Oscar Barringer, Grain Dealer
Edgar White, "Wearhouse" Dealer
Dr. Millholland, MD
Joseph M. Smith)
Jackson White) Railroad workers
Hiram Neff)
Samuel C. Robinson, Lumber Dealer
Alexander Thorn, Head Sawyer
John C. Smith, Lumber dealer
Southgate Thorn, Saw Mill Engineer
James Stephenson, Carpenter
Joseph W. Hines, Carpenter
Mary A. Staley, Carpet Weaver
Carrie Berry, Dress Maker
Joseph C. Underwood, Stone Mason
John M. Monroe, Plasterer
Oliver Buckingham, Cigar Maker

The Census of 1890 was destroyed by fire.

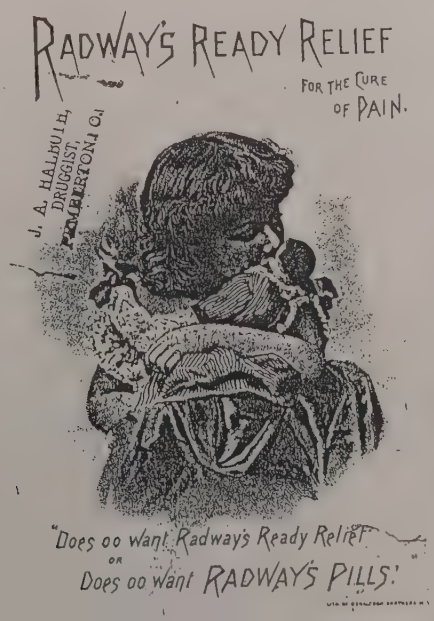
Continuing with 1900:

Herman Timeus & William Shreves, Grocers
Amoretta Stephenson & Anna Barringer, Dress Makers
William Barringer, Shoe Mender
Charles Smoot, MD & Thomas Cable, MD, Physicians
Elizabeth Slagle, Hotel Keeper
David Slagle, Station Master
Barber, William Staley
John Hufford, Watch & Clock Repair
John Brankle, Blacksmith
James French, Sawyer

1910:

Levi Eleyet, Daniel F. West, Jacob Halboth & John Higginbotham, Grocers
William Shreves, Huckster
Charles L. Moore, Livery Stable
Elmer Harbour, Judson Simmons, Louis G. Shanley, Grain Elevator
Albert Gebhart & Stephen Haines, Well Diggers
Julia Hume & Anna Barringer, Dress Makers
Rufo Melhorn, Barber
Donis Wirick, Rural Mail Carrier
John Brankle, Blacksmith
Elizabeth Slagle, Hotel Keeper

1920: John Hufford, Jacob Halboth & John C. Kah, Grocers
Rufo Melhorn, Grain Elevator
William Shreves, Restaurant
Waldo M. Gaines, MD, Physician
John W. Brankle & William Cottrel, Blacksmiths
George Hahn, Postmaster
Grant Wirick, Rural Mail Carrier
Julia Hume, Dress Maker
Albert Gebhart, Plumber
Samuel Furrow, Minister



A FEW PEMBERTON GROCERS REMEMBERED

One of the earliest merchants to serve the public in Pemberton was the Grocer. The 1883 History of Shelby County by Sutton gives the name of Calvin Morris as the first known in the village. The 1860 census, 8 years after Pemberton was platted, lists a Thomas Kiser as grocer. Nothing more was learned about either man. In 1910, 4 grocers were in town.

Jacob Halboth operated a general store and grocery 42 years. He retired in 1925 and, with his wife Emma, moved to Sidney. In the summer of 1934 they moved back to Pemberton to make their home with their son in law, Mitchell Wilkinson. His wife, the Halboth's only daughter, had died the previous year. Jacob died in 1935, aged 79 years, and Emma in 1940, aged 82.

William Shreves, born in 1880, was the youngest grocer in the town. Already in business by 1900, he later added a huckster truck to his schedule. By 1920 he was proprietor of one of the few restaurants ever to locate in the village. From Pemberton he moved to Port Jefferson where he was serving his 5th term as Mayor of the town when he passed away in 1943, aged 63 years.

John Higginbotham, a busy man, had a grocery in 1910 as well as running a threshing ring in the summer and working in his sawmill. John died in 1952, aged 88 years, having survived 2 wives and a daughter.

John Hufford owned a grocery in Pemberton 25 years. He had a side business as a watch and clock repairman. Laura, his wife, worked often in the grocery. Although she was never known to abuse anyone, her countenance was so unpleasant that many of the town youngsters were afraid to enter the store. The Huffords lived on the east side of the north end of Main Street.John's father lived past the age of 95, a bit more than John who died in 1943, aged 89. Laura died in 1946, aged 80.

William Robbins, a Spanish American War Veteran, came to Pemberton in 1922. Locating on the southwest corner of Palestine and Center Streets, he was a barber there for 20 years. The barber shop was on the second floor of the house, with a grocery, run by his wife Gladys, in the room below. Gladys kept a large assortment of penny candy, which delighted the children and quite a few older shoppers. After Bill's retirement, the couple moved to Sidney where he died in 1954, aged 77. Gladys died in 1996, aged 92.

Marion Herring followed John Hufford in the grocery business, becoming the proprietor about 1937. He was postmaster from 1935 to 1973, with the post office in the grocery. At the time of his death in 1984, aged 72, his residence was in Sidney.

The last owners of a Pemberton grocery were Leroy and Linda Benanzer. Leroy was employed by the Bambauer Elevator and Linda ran the grocery from their arrival in town in 1978 until 1987. When the last grocery in Pemberton closed its doors, it marked the end of an era. The Benanzers moved to Fort Loramie in 2000.

THE NEEDY OF PEMBERTON

The poor of the area were assisted with food, coal, and other necessities by the trustees of the township. It was an uncomplicated procedure. The indigent person would contact a trustee and explain his need. The trustee, who knew everyone in the village and township, would assure himself and the other trustees the appeal was legitimate and then allow the family to visit the grocery in town. They would select whatever they desired and the grocer would submit the bill to the township treasurer, usually the clerk.

An example of a bill presented by Jacob Hufford in 1929 is given below.

Bolonga	.45	Bread	.22
Meat	.15	1 1/2 gal coal oil	.36
Coffee	.45	Bacon	.70
Sugar	.50	Bread	.33
Rice	.50	Bread	.33
Flour	1.00	Homney (Hominy?)	.10
Homny (Hominy?)	.50	Bread	.33
Beans	.50	Bread	.11
Bread	.33	Coffee	.39
3 cans tomatoes	.60	Bread	.30
3 cans corn	.45	Lasses (Molasses?)	.25
Molasses	.40	1 1/2 gal. coal oil	.36
Butter	.55	Bread	.22
Bacon	1.10	Potatoes	.30
Bread	.44	Bread	.22
Onions	.10	1 1/2 gal coal oil	.36
Crackers	.20	1 1/2 gal coal oil	.36

This bill, for a family in Pemberton, ran from 12 February to 14 March and totaled $13.05. If coal or some other item unavailable at the grocery was needed, it could usually be obtained at one of the elevators.

<u>23 April 1923</u> A Ford truck driven by Mr. Richey, Pemberton grocer, collided with the Dayton Certified bread truck at the corner of Court and Brooklyn Streets Tuesday. Both machines were badly damaged but no one was injured.

Saturday Specials

Granulated Sugar, 25-lb. bag	$1.74
Sweet Potatoes, now is the time to eat them, 4 lbs	10c
Apples, choicest in the city, 3 lbs	10c
Home Grown Onions, special Saturday only, per pk	20c
New Evaporated Peaches, special per lb	9c
New 1914 crop Prunes, large size, per lb	12c
Cranberries, nice lot just received, per qt	9c
Oleomargerine, better than butter, per lb	20c
Walen's Salmon, just arrived, per can	17c
Table Pride, a good pink Salmon, per can	12c
Fresh Roasted Peanuts, special for Saturday, per lb	10c
Rex Apple Jelly, 2½ lb. pail, each	15c
Lion Brand Milk, per small can	4c
Eagle Brand Milk, per can	15c
Clifton Flour, a good winter wheat, ⅛ bbl	69c
Gold Band Flour, ⅛ bbl. bag	75c
Purity Flour, extra fine, ⅛ bbl. bag	77c
Pillsbury Flour, spring wheat, ⅛ bbl	85c
Rice, fine new river stock, per lb. 9c, 3 lbs	25c
Snappy Ginger Snaps, per lb	6c
Country Club Butter Crackers, per lb	8c
Star Butter Crackers, per lb	7c
Maple Leaf Butter Crackers, per lb	6c
2X Square Crackers, per lb	6c
Macaroon Snaps, per lb	12c
Graham Wafers, per lb	10c
Country Club Shoulders, per lb	16c
Country Club Hams, per lb	20c
Country Club Bacon, per lb	23c
Limberger Cheese, per lb	20c
Cream Cheese, per lb	20c
Brick Cheese, per lb	20c

SOME 1914 GROCERY PRICES

NEWS ITEMS OF PEMBERTON
TAKEN FROM VARIOUS LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

September, 1864 Died September 3, John W. Denman, 35 years, 9 months & 3 days of disease contracted while serving his country. Member of Pemberton Company, 134 Regiment, ONG.

December, 1864 The corpse of Captain W.K. Wilkinson, Pemberton, who died at his post some time ago, passed through Sidney.

January, 1869 Mr. Wm. Proctor, merchant of Pemberton, wishes us to say to his customers who are in arrears to him, that they will confer a favor to him by calling and settling their accounts by cash or note soon.

April 1871 Nutt Brothers, Pemberton, have sold their warehouse to the Brown Brothers of Quincy. The Nutts have moved to Indianapolis where they will contimue in the grain business.

December, 1871 Henry Sommers, about 19 years, whose mother lives in the vicinity of Pemberton, met a shocking death at Mt. Victory, Hardin Co., OH, on the Bee Line. While engaged in his job as brakeman, he fell and the entire train passed over his body. He will be interred at Pemberton. His father went to California during the gold rush and has not been heard from since.

October, 1872 John Brankle has purchased a choice lot in Pemberton and will build a house yet this fall.

December, 1873 The Bee Line Railroad Company has paid the mother of Staley (Henry?) Sommers $450 in compensation for his death. He was killed while engaged as a brakeman last summer. Mrs. Sommers resides in Pemberton.

February, 1875 Reuben D. Coon, well known citizen of Pemberton, was buried Sunday. He died of consumption.

October, 1875 William & Priscilla Beatty Persinger celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Pemberton recently. Their family includes 4 sons, 4 daughters, 32 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Both William and Priscilla were from Xenia. They moved from there to the farm now known as the Elliott, 1/2 mile west of Sidney in 1826.

A number of new buildings have been erected at Pemberton during the past summer; Daniel Vandemark, a handsome brick residence costing $3500; Samuel Nelson, frame, $1200; John Blue, frame, $1200; Elias Sturm, frame, $600; Mr. Davidson, frame, $1500; and G.W. Spencer, frame, $1500.

December, 1875 Mark White, brakeman on the Bee Line railroad, was killed on Christmas Day while on duty between Pemberton and Bellefontaine. He leaves a wife and 5 children.

October, 1876 Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Rinehart, Pemberton, were pleased to have their children & grandchildren present yesterday morning. Included were Rev. D.B. Rinehart, wife and daughter from Larue; Levi Ewing, wife and 2 daughters from Sidney; John Key, wife, daughter & 3 sons, Perry Township; Wm. A. Rinehart, Mt. Victory; David Whitmer & wife, Millerstown, Champaign Co., ; Mrs. Elizabeth Moyer, aged sister of Abraham of Elida; Mrs. M. Owens, St. Louis; and the youngest son, Benjamin. Two sons, J.F., Texas; and John of the western part of the county were absent.

December, 1876 Abraham Rinehart, Pemberton resident many years, dropped dead in the office of the county treasurer where he had gone to pay his taxes.

March, 1877 Maggie, little daughter of Henry & Elizabeth Harbour, died at Pemberton.

July, 1877 W.M. Persinger, DeWitt Co., IL & J.N. Persinger, Pemberton, attended their mother's funeral last week.

February, 1878 R.C. Wilkinson, former merchant here and recently in the wholesale boot and shoe business, Dayton, died last week.

April, 1878 Miss Annie Mulford, Bellefontaine, has opened a millinery shop at Pemberton.

February, 1880 The wife of Thomas Donaldson met with a horrible death by burning last week. While doing some work around the fireplace in the morning, her dress caught fire and before it could be extinguished all her clothing was burnt off and her body from the feet to the neck was burnt almost to a crisp. Her husband was an eye witness but could do nothing to save the unfortunate woman. She lingered in great pain until night when she died.

May, 1880 James Knoop has repaired his house. It will be one of the prettiest in Pemberton.

We now have two Sabbath schools in Pemberton. The Methodist with John Elliott as superintendent and the Baptist with U.M. Stiles. All other offices are filled.

G.R. Forsythe, for 26 years a resident of Pemberton, removed his family to Xenia on Thursday last for the purpose of educating his children. Emma remains behind until she completes her teaching engagement at Palestine.

H.H. Staley has rented the house vacated by G.R. Forsythe for the purpose of keeping a hotel. We happen to know his wife is a clever woman and an excellent cook. He is obliging and accomodating. Mr. Staley will also be postmaster.

March, 1881 Joseph Beeson has sold his saloon building & lot to J. Halboth.

J. Stiles is building a new grocery room.

Dr. Milholland contemplates building a small drug store.

J.M. Blue,Sidney, owns an interest in the sawmill here.

December, 1881 A disgraceful fight took place on the street a few days ago. Taylor Ellliott and Joseph Tatham. Tatham, being intoxicated, used the foulest language.

John Monroe is moving to Van Wert County, town of Spencerville.

February, 1882 Billy Harbour and Dave Milholland have formed a partnership in the grocery business and are doing a thriving trade.

Uncle Jimmie Knoop and Allen Forsythe are old pioneers of this place.

We have a portable gallery in town. Come and get your picture taken.

Lafayette Idle has accepted a clerkship in Dr. Milholland's drug store.

George Buckingham is the only pugilist in town. He is confident he could knock Sullivan out in 5 rounds.

Jonathan May moved to Miami County last week, leaving an opening for a wagon-maker in our town.

February, 1882 There was a family reunion at Mrs. Lucinda Ward's last Saturday at which a keg of oysters, etc., were enjoyed. On Monday the family visited the art gallery in Sidney where they sat for a portrait. Charles Gearhart and wife, who attended the reunion, returned to their home near Farmer City, IL, on Thursday.

April, 1882 Building is the order of the day. Frank DeWeese is building a handsome new residence, N. Miller is erecting a mansion near his place of business, A.T. Spencer will soon occupy his new home. Mrs. Coon has awarded the contract for building her hew house to Jacob Hain. Mr. LeFevre is preparing to build a large house and blacksmith shop with an agricultural implement storehouse. J.H. Halboth looks splendid in his new store room.

Our genial and inquisitive assessor is busy inquiring what we are worth and if our debts are all paid. Hard questions for us!

W.A. Nutt, Quincy, is connecting a phone line with the Sidney line at Pemberton.

June, 1882 Pemberton has but one saloon now and our observation is the proprietor is its best customer.

Abram Line is still alive but his death is expected hourly.

Charles Stephenson has sold his farm to J.W. Staley for $10,000 and has bought the property of F.M. Means, who has moved to Sidney. Uncle Charley and Aunt Rachel will now move to Pemberton where they will spend their sunset years surrounded by their children and numerous friends.

August, 1882 U.M. Stiles hived one swarm of bees about the 15th of June that has filled the hive and honey box twice, from which he has taken 29 pounds of honey and they are filling it the third time. He also hived a swarm July 7th that has filled the hives and honey boxes from which he has taken one box of 9 pounds and another similar box is now full.

Thomas Donaldson was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Frank Jenkins for stealing chickens and tried before Squire Clark of Pemberton. The evidence was circumstantial but overwhelming. He was fined $5.00 and costs.

December, 1882 John Hufford, Pemberton, lays claim to the honor of being the oldest man in Shelby County. He was born in Frederick, MD, September 30, 1787, and is past 95 years of age. He is a pensioner of the War of 1812. He moved to Montgomery County, OH, in 1838 and has lived in the counties of Montgomery, Miami, and Shelby ever since. He resides with his daughter, Mrs. A.D. Davidson.

June, 1883 Last week Mrs. J.M. Brankle upset a boiler of hot water on her foot, scalding it severely.

The concert given by the M.E. Sunday School on Sunday evening was a success in every respect. The remarks of Rev. Scoles to the children were right to the point, particularly those pertaining to idleness. He told the boys never to be idle and the girls to learn to play on the dish pan and washboard.

On Thursday the body of B.B. Wilkinson was brought here and buried beside his mother. He was found dead in his bed at Speece's Hotel, Quincy. on Wednesday. Formerly a resident of this place, he moved from here to Dayton and has recently resided in Quincy. He was a man of fine business qualifications but became the victim of strong drink and died friendless and alone.

November, 1883 The body of Miss Etta Pool, Maplewood, was buried in the graveyard here on Sunday. She died of Scarlet Fever.

December, 1883 John Boblett buried his infant daughter in the cemetery here.

November, 1884 The school is progressing finely under the management of J.C. Hussey of this place.

Dr. Simmons, of Addison, has located here. We wish him success.

Jacob Wilson, of Pemberton, has voted at every Presidential election since 1828. He voted for Andrew Jackson then and for Cleveland in 1884. His father, John Wilson, was a Revolutionary soldier and was with Washington when he crossed the Delaware river and captured the Hessians at the Battle of Trenton, which was the turning point in that memorable struggle.

May, 1885 Joseph Wilkinson is all radiant with smiles. It's a boy!

Morgan LeFevre is finishing and repainting his house. With the erection of a model veranda and other improvements, Mr. Lefevre will have a good, as well as a handsome property.

We learn our next winter school will be taught under the supervision of Mr. Joe Robinson; Miss Maggie Buckles of Troy teaching the little folks. Miss Maggie has gained an excellent reputation here among her scholars as well as parents.

The contract for repairing and remodeling the M.E. church in this place was given last Saturday. Cost will be about $800. Work to commence immediately.

June, 1885 The festival given by the ladies of the M.E. church Saturday night was well attended. Proceeds, $48.

Children's Day at the Baptist church last Sabbath evening was a grand success.

Clem Rogers and Miss Millie Staley were married Sunday afternoon. We wish them a pleasant journey through life.

Work has commenced on the M.E. church.

Miss Lizzie Doyle, Piqua, will teach the primary room in the Pemberton school for the coming winter.

July, 1885 The new depot is nearing completion and so is the M.E. church.

Rev. Mr. Dowdy delivered an interesting discourse Sabbath morning. It was a little too strong for some who heard it.

Prof. C.K. Coon has returned home from Warren, IN, where he has been teaching band music for the last ten months. He has been having Hemorrhage of the lungs.

Mr. Jacob Young and family, Logan County, are talking of locating in our village and starting a dry goods, grocery, and provisions store.

August, 1885 Those who wish to step the light fantastic toe can do so by going to Uncle John Kemp's woods as John Boblett will be there with his platform Saturday evening.

The little daughter of Thomas Dougherty died Saturday night. It was taken to St. John for burial.

September, 1885 The painters are done painting the M.E. church and it is a splendid job of work. Anyone wanting painting done would do well to call on the Norton Bros. for they are boss painters.

Thursday morning Mr. Stiles carried some very nice muskmelons to his neighbors.

Judge Carey, Orange Township, is canvassing our village for the history of General Grant.

October, 1885 Hickory nut hunting is the latest rage around Pemberton.

October, 1885 There were parties in our town the fore part of the week looking for a location with the intention of starting a saloon. As Pemberton is a very quiet place, we do not like to see a saloon started in our midst.

November, 1885 John M. Blue has moved his sawmill from our village to Quincy.

February, 1886 A tax of $200 levied on all saloons would not be considered unconstitutional by the people of Pemberton.

M.E. Vandemark & Amanda DeWeese were married Tuesday by the Rev. Smith.

The Methodist folks begin a series of meetings on Sunday. Much interest is taken by the members and it is hoped their labors will be crowned with success as there is plenty of room for reformation here.

February, 1887 Mrs. Joseph Beeson, nee Sarah Emily Smoot, died at Pemberton on Monday. She was born in Hampshire County, VA, December 7, 1840, and moved with her parents, six sisters and one brother to Champaign County, this state, in 1863. February 20, 1868, she married Joseph Beeson. Ten years ago she joined the Baptist church. She leaves a husband, four children a brother and two sisters. The funeral discourse was delivered in the Baptist church, Pemberton, Tuesday, in the presence of a large congregation by Rev. J.R. Downer, Sidney.

January, 1888 Mary Hoak, wife of Joseph Hoak, died the 23rd of December. She was born May 14, 1847, and married Joseph in 1871. She had been sick several weeks. She leaves her husband, a son and daughter. A member of the Baptist church.

Thursday of last week, Eva Line, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Line, died with consumption. Eva joined the Baptist church 4 years ago and lived a Christian life. To know her was to love her. Her age was 18 years, 4 months & 27 days. Her remains were taken to the cemetery at Port Jefferson.

June, 1888 Joseph Beeson's stable was discovered to be on fire Monday night between 11 & 12 o'clock and was soon in ashes. Two horses and a set of harness belonging to Isaac Beeson were also destroyed. The fire was communicated to jacob Halboth's Livery Stable, in close proximity, and it burned. Pemberton residents prevented the fire from spreading. There was no insurance.

April, 1890 Tuesday morning Dr. Cable's house was made sad by the death of their infant child who died of Membranous croup. The funeral services were held at the M.E. church Wednesday morning, the remains buried at Bradford.

July, 1890 Albert Slagle is building an addition to his meat shop.

The infant child of Robert Fogt was buried Saturday.

August, 1890 George W. Clark's house in Pemberton burned Wednesday. The fire was caused by a spark from the 4 o'clock train on the Big Four. Most of the household goods were saved. There was no insurance.

Vovember, 1890 Mill men of Carl & Miller have moved into our village.

Will Davidson had a horse choke to death on Monday and Tuesday morning a valuable colt belonging to Miss Emma Kiser drowned in a well.

February, 1891 Albert Bell will move on the Hubble farm the 1st of March.

The Post Office will be moved into the C.T. Kerns Grocery this week when Mr. Kerns will take full charge.

S.S. Foulk will move to Delaware County where he will be in the poultry business.

February, 1891 A party was given at the home of Mrs. Coon on Wednesday evening in honor of her son, Price, it being his 19th birthday. About 40 were present. At the hour of midnight all departed, rejoicing over a good time.

Mrs. Susan Staley is very ill and Mrs. J.M. White is in a critical condition.

June, 1895 The entertainment and tambourine drill given at the Hall last Saturday by the ladies of the Baptist church was well attended. The proceeds were $23 which will be given to repair the church. They will give the same drill at Jackson Center in the near future.

June, 1895 Doska McMaster is visiting her sister, Mrs. Morgan, Jackson Center,

Mr. McVey, has sold his Livery Stable to Charles Moore of Concord.

March, 1897 Saturday morning, Ethel, the two year old daughter of Emmett Beeson and wife of Pemberton, died of lung trouble. Arrangements were made for the funeral to have been held Sunday afternoon. For some time the child's mother has been seriously ill with consumption. Sunday afternoon when the undertaker and many people had gathered at the home to attend the funeral, Mrs. Beeson said she expected to die soon and requested that the funeral services of the child be postponed until her death and that it be buried with her. Her request was complied with and within an hour after the funeral party had left she died. She was 20 years of age. The funeral services of both were held at the Baptist church in Pemberton at 10 o'clock Monday. Burial, Cedar Point.

March, 1899 M.D. Burke bought several thousand bushels of wheat, 70¢ per bushel on Tuesday.

Clay Halboth came near dying Sunday of neuralgia of the heart. He has recovered.

January 1900 Tuesday evening sometime a person, or persons, broke into Taylor Kern's Grocery and stole some shirts.

August, 1900 Next Saturday will be a day of sport in Pemberton. There will be two bicycle road races. The Tawawa band will furnish music.

Chet Moore started last spring for the Klondike.

Mrs. Nora Rickey, who has been poorly, is somewhat better.

November, 1900 8 young men of Pemberton were arraigned before Mayor Nessler this afternoon charged with trespassing. The charge was preferred by Oliver K. Dodson who runs a bakery and restaurant in Pemberton. He says the boys have been in the habit of imposing upon him and coming into his place of business for the purpose of creating a disturbance. Yesterday morning they entered his restaurant and threw shelled corn all over the floor. Dodson ordered them out but they refused to go. Chief O'Leary and Policeman Eisenstein went to Pemberton and brought the boys to Sidney.

Little Winifred Rose Elliott, infant daughter of Burdette & Minnie Elliott, died Tuesday, October 30, aged 2 months. Funeral services were held at their home at 10 a.m. Thursday. Interment at Cedar Point.

January, 1901 The funeral services of Gladys Slagle, little daughter of Emory & Anna Slagle, were held Wednesday morning, January 2, at 10 o'clock at the house. All through her sickness she was a patient sufferer and loved by all who knew her. She was a faithful little Sunday School scholar. Aged 7, she was buried at Cedar Point.

"She breathed her last and o'er her brow the cold damp dew has spread:
Her voice is hushed in stillness now and she is numbered with the dead..."

November, 1902 J.W. Simmons' house, which is being built on a corner lot in the center of town, will soon be completed and ready for occupancy. It is a large two story frame building and makes quite an improvement to our town.

Ora Hain, of this place and Frank Neer, of near Quincy, were married at the home of the bride Thursday evening of last week by Rev. Crist of Quincy.

September 1903 A goodly number of the people of Pemberton and vicinity took advantage of the excursion to Sidney Thursday on account of the Fair. The Big Four deserves a chromo for the accomodation and if the company could be prevailed upon to stop the westbound noon train, people would doubtless give them two chromos and a great deal of patronage.

November, 1903 The teachers of the following sub-districts of Perry Township attended the Central Ohio Teachers Association at Cleveland November 6 & 7, starting November 4 in order to visit the Cleveland schools Thursday and Friday. Sub-district No. 1, Elmer Sturm; No. 2, Pemberton, W.L.C. Sturm; John Geobel, and Miss DeWeese; No. 4, John McClure; No. 5, Vernon Thompson; No. 6, Tunis Emily. Mrs. Vernon Thompson and Bonnie Hain accompanied the group.

December, 1903 Henry Harbour and son, Royal, who with their respective families lived on their farm in the house which was burned last Friday moved to town immediately into one of E.E. Harbour's houses.

W.E. Meyers and family, Kenton, Ed and Will Nutt, of Sidney and Urbana, Mrs. Horace Lilly of Piqua, Mr. Middleton and wife, Plattsville, attended the funeral of Joseph Wilkinson Saturday.

Dr. C.E. Smoot and family spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Smoot's parents, Peter Trapp and wife, at Port Jefferson.

There was a reunion of the Harbour family at E.E. Harbour's Thanksgiving day.

L.E. Shopp has sold his barber shop to Mr. Conner, Carysville. Mr. Shopp has purchased a photograph car and will give his entire time to taking pictures. After a few weeks with his car here at Pemberton he will travel from place to place.

February, 1904 Beginning the 8th and continuing all week the Swiss Madison Company will give a show at Forsythe Hall. Let everybody come who enjoys a good laugh.

February, 1905 Mrs. S.E. Davidson's children gathered at her home Wednesday February 5th, giving her a surprise. That was her 78th birthday. They all came with well filled baskets. Those present were A.J. Davidson, wife and son, Miller; John Davidson and family; and T.J. Davidson, wife and daughter, Iva. Mrs. Davidson received many nice presents and at evening all returned to their homes wishing her many more anniversary days.

November, 1905 Uncle Joseph Kemp, 84 years of age, went out to the corn field last Thursday morning while the frost was on to show the men of this generation how to husk corn. He is very spry and energetic, more so than many men half his age.

The ladies of the M.E. Church desire to express a vote of thanks to Messrs. Simmons & Faulkner for the use of the corner room for the dinner and supper served there on Election day and night.

June, 1906 Dr. T.B. Cable has had his residence torn down and is having a new house built in the same location. He has had the foundation of the house put a little farther out from the corner of the lot, giving more lawn south and west.

January, 1907 H.M. Faulkner has sold his interest in Simmons & Faulkner elevator to O.W. Cook. Mr. Cook will move here and take possession in June.

Dr. Noland, of Fowler, IN, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Stephen Hain.

A series of meetings will commence at the Baptist church Sunday night conducted by Rev. Gallant. Everybody is cordially invited.

Preaching at the M.E. church Sunday at 10:30 a.m. by Rev. Ice.

F.S. Beeson, DeGraff, is now telegraph operator at this place and expects to move here soon.

June, 1912 Professor Hixon, Springfield, has been employed to teach the Perry Township high school for the coming winter. He and his wife spent Tuesday at this place looking for a location.

Quite a few from here went to Sidney yesterday to see the flight made by the Curtiss flying machine.

Miss Norma Lucas, Eunice Clayton, and Coila Smoot left for Ada last Thursday where they will attend the summer term of school.

Newton Michael has purchased the restaurant owned by Emmit Beeson and took possession Wednesday with J.W. Hufford as clerk.

I.M. Wilkinson is building a new barn.

September, 1912 Dr. Gaines has purchased an automobile.

Rev. Winters, pastor of the Baptist church, is attending the Dayton Association this week.

The school at this place had to dismiss last Friday afternoon on account of the excessive heat. It will be closed two days for the Shelby County Fair.

Rev. Walcott, pastor of the M.E. church extends an invitation to every member of his church to be present next Sabbath evening. As this will be his farewell sermon he hopes to have the pleasure of shaking hands with every member and all his friends. Let us respond to his call in such a way that he may realize that we are indeed his friends, one and all.

November, 1919 Unity Grange, which meets at Pemberton, held their annual election of officers November 14th. The following is the list of officers for the coming year: Master, Mrs. Margaret Tunks; Overseer, Charles L. Baker; Lecturer, Harriet Carmony; Steward, S.F. Dormire; Asst. Steward, Edgar Strayer; Chaplain, Mrs. S.F. Dormire; Treasurer, F.M. Pepper; Secretary, A.C. Dill; Ceres, Doris Dormire; Pomona, Cleo Barnes; Flora, Mary Carmony; Lady Asst. Steward, Thelma Buroker; Business agent, M. Dill; Legislative Agent, G.M. Hill; Trustees, Clint Fergus, N.B. Clayton & L.A. Ward. May they all serve well. The Grange has taken in 50 members since January and will soon take in another class. Next Friday evening the lecture will consist principally of Thanksgiving numbers. Let every Granger attend.

June, 1924 The Ladies Aid of the Pemberton M.E. church will serve one of their famous suppers at the Grange building Wednesday evening. Following the supper a home talent play will be given at the school auditorium. Talent will include Minnie Elliott, Jennie Carmony, Bertha Dormire, Mable Pepper, Pauline Sturm, Phyllis Adams, Cable Pepper, Homer Huston, Chet Mohr, Harold Littlejohn, DeWitt Mohr and Frank Pepper.

August, 1924 Herman Rasor, Sidney, has purchased the general store at Pemberton, which was formerly the Heston general store. The new owner is the son of P.D. Rasor who has the Rasor Grocery on Fair Avenue.

February, 1925 Ralph Cottrel had his tonsils removed at Dr. Gaines office Tuesday morning. Dr. Beechler, Piqua, performed the operation. He is recovering nicely.

About 100 men, women, and children enjoyed the banquet prepared by the two classes of married ladies for the men's class of the Pemberton M.E. church. The following menu was served: Chicken, noodles, mashed potatoes, gravy, cream slaw, pickles, hot coffee, cake and dessert.After supper the men had various contests such as popcorn, cakes, pies, plates of fudge, etc., and all reported a good time.

December, 1925 Last Thursday evening the members of the Winners Sewing Club, Beulah Littlejohn, Jennie Fern and Edith Sidle, Ruth Rowley, Lucille Harbour, Clara Maragret Enders, Freda Baker, Mary Frances and Helen June Gaines, Dorothy Ellen and Mabel Buroker, with their teacher, Mrs. Cottrel, motored to Sidney to spend the evening. They first visited the Cafeteria fpr their supper, second the Majestic Theater, seeing "Shore Leave", next going to the Gem Theater, seeing "Texas Trails', and last of all the Olympia for refreshments.

May, 1926 An enjoyable evening was spent by members of the Junior class of the Pemberton M.E. church and their respective guests Wednesday, April 28th. The class was entertained at the home of Geraldine and Helen June Gaines. Jerry and June have been complimented as real hostesses. The meeting was called to order by the teacher. After a short business session a program was given. The rest of the evening was spent in playing games and in contests.

In the contests those receiving favors were Marion Melhorn, Willa Whited, and Fred Littlejohn.Music was also enjoyed on the radio and piano. Those present were Mildred Apple, Ruth Arnett, Ruth Barnes, Edna Blake, Alma Coverstone, Marjorie Dill, Rose DeWeese, Eileen Halter, Mary Hedges, Darlene Rickey, Wilma Baker, Phyllis Adams, Freda Baker, Ethel Valentine, Clarence Apple, Ralph and LaVern Borland, Charles Foster, Gilbert and Harold Hedges.

August, 1926 Charles Enders has purchased a new Chrysler car. Mrs. Enders is able to ride out a little although unable to walk as yet.

October, 1926 Robert Higginbotham and wife have moved into the old White property recently purchased by Harley Struble. They have remodeled the interior of the house.

February, 1927 Oscar Coverstones' are under quarantine at present. Two of the children thus far are victims of scarlet fever. Neither seems serious.

Arch Davidson, who has been ill several days with pneumonia, passed away at his home here.Thus Pemberton loses a highly respected resident.

March, 1927 Pemberton is proud to say their girls won the championship Girls Basketball Tournament held Friday & Saturday at the Armory. The boys were defeated, neverthe less, we are proud of them.

Mr. & Mrs. Asa Fitzgerald have moved into the Harrison Green property and Mrs. Fitzgerald has accepted a position with the Farmers' Elevator Company.

Henry Schifflet has been suffering for several weeks with severe eye trouble and taking treatments from Dr. Hobby, Sidney. Thus far he has not found much relief but is hoping for more in the future.

April, 1927 Note the improvement to the Post Office building. Oscar Reeder is painting the building and has put up a new sign.

Little Dickie Adams underwent an operation for the removal of his tonsils Monday. The little chap is getting along fine.

J.W. Simmons is having a new wall constructed along the north side of the driveway replacing the old one washed out by recent rains.

The Baptist parsonage is being remodeled and repapered in order to have it in readiness for the new preacher.

Next Friday evening, April 15th, the play entitled, "The Wishing Well" will be given by the Senior Class of Perry Township High School at the school auditorium. It is highly recommended and every one urged to be present as it will be worth your time and money. The admission 15¢ and 25¢. So come, you'll not regret it; but if you fail to come you'll regret it!

Henry Schifflet has been having a few teeth now and then extracted until they are all out, hoping by doing so he will regain his eyesight which has been failing him considerably.

1928

PERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL PLAY

The following is the program of the play to be presented by the Junior Class and others of the Perry township High School at the School Auditorium in Pemberton Thursday evening February 2, 8 P.M.

Dr. Jim, A young physician.....Howard Boyer
Ephriam Goodenough, Jim's father.....Paul Marrs
Lafe Goodenough, a Woman hater..... Fred Littlejohn
Orla T. Baker, Royal Grand Oil Corporation..... Elba Hedges
Nate Spooner, An amateur detective.....Ralph Baker
Frank Randolph, Jim's college chum.....Eugene Halter
Sam Johnston, a colored errand boy.....Doyle Hollaway
Martha Goodenough, Jim's mother.....Thelma Bohlier
Mary Jane Wheeler, A man hater.....Lena Coverstone
Miss Tabitha Tuttle, looking for her Romeo.....Lucille Marrs
Bess Goodenough, Jim's cousin.....Verna Mae Eleyet
Fanny Burton, Jim's fiance.....Fern Sidle
Madge Hughes, Bess' chum.....Marion Melhorn
Hannah Spriggins, A would-be movie star.....Frances Fergus

Music will be provided by the School Orchestra.

Director of Play, Miss Walcutt Director of Music, Mr. Harbaugh

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Regretfully, this concludes the news items section of this History. Thanks to many volunteer reporters, bits of history can be found in these columns which was recorded no where else. The time spent recording these gems was well worth while. It is hoped the "News Items from Pemberton" have been as entertaining to the reader as they were to the copier!

PEMBERTON PHYSICIANS

The first doctor in Pemberton, as recorded in the history of the village by Sutton in 1883, was Dr. Edward Stockton. No more was learned about him.

In 1862-63, a Virginian named John W. Driscoll MD, attended the sick and injured of Pemberton. Dr. Driscoll located in Jackson Township after leaving Pemberton and he died at Montra, Shelby County, in 1876.

Shortly before 1880, Dr. Simon W. Simmons set up a practice in the town. His patients came from Logan County as well as the Pemberton area. Familiarly known as "old Doc", he was a popular and trusted physician. He was called to the scene when Ike Ray was murdered in 1893. Jennie, one of three daughters of the doctor and his wife, Harriet, married Cliff Carmony. It is believed he was always located in Pemberton. In 1918 he died at the home of his daughter, Jennie Carmony, south of Pemberton.

In 1897 a Dr. Kneisley was in Pemberton, practicing at the same time as Dr. William Millholland. Dr. Millholland was here 11 years. He married Nettie, the daughter of Jacob P. and Margaret Reid Persinger and they were the parents of 8 children. Nothing more was learned about Dr. Kneisley.

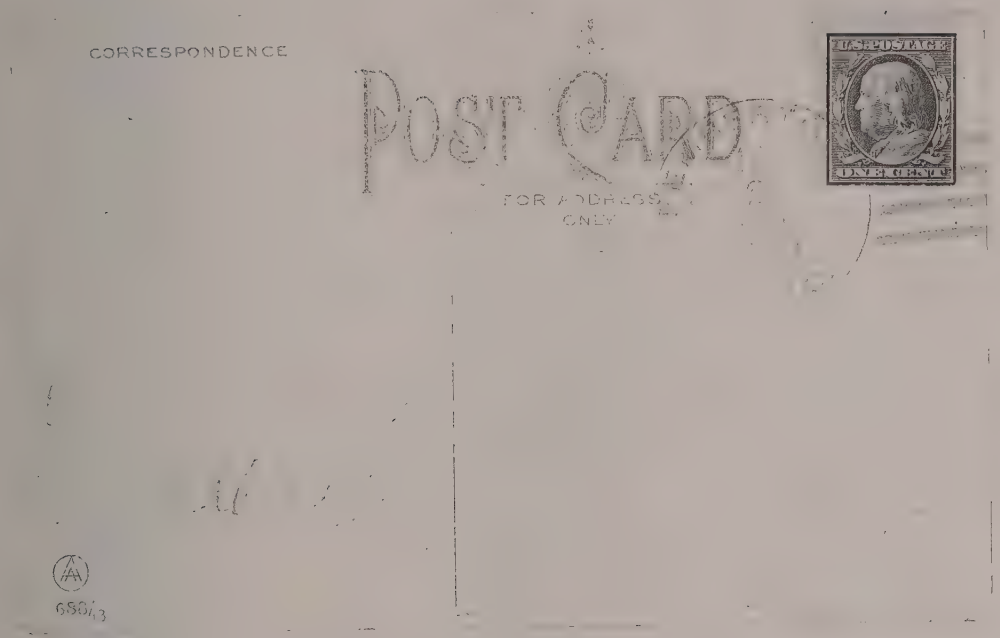
About 1881 Dr. Sampson G. Goode came to Pemberton, soon enjoying a widespread practice. In February of 1882 he was said to have vaccinated 70 residents for Smallpox. His popularity may have been partly due to the fact that Dr. Millholland, also in the town at that time, traveled extensively. In 1882 he vacationed a month in the west, returning to Pemberton for a few days, then leaving to visit relatives in Butler County for an extended period. Both doctors relocated in Sidney, Dr. Goode after only 2 years. Dr. Millholland died in Dayton in 1920 and Dr. Goode in Sidney in 1931.

Dr. Thomas Cable came to Pemberton in 1888 from Miami County. He was a successful physician and surgeon. He and his wife, Molly, built the house at the northeast corner of Main & Leonard streets, his office facing south. Dr. Cable served many years on the Pension Examining Board. After his death in 1910, Molly moved to a house on Palestine street where she lived until her death.

Dr. Charles E. Smoot arrived here about 1900. His success as a physician was not remarkable. In 1879 he was married to Annetta Trapp and they were the parents of two children, Coila and James. In 1906 Annetta sued him for divorce, charging habitual drunkenness, addiction to opiates, and associating with women of questionable character. As assets of the doctor, she listed a horse, buggy and medical practice in Pemberton. Dr. Smoot died in Indianapolis in 1911, Annetta in Sidney in 1947. The daughter, Coila,became a school teacher in the Pemberton area.

The final resident doctor of Pemberton was Dr. Waldo M. Gaines. The son of a physician, he came to Pemberton from Covington in 1910. His service to the sick of the community was continued for 20 years. The first home of the doctor and his wife, Lena, was across the street from the residence of J.W Simmons on Palestine street. In 1917 Dr. Gaines bought the Simmons home and remodeled it to accomodate an office and waiting room. At this location, east side of the street north of the railroad, he became known for his devotion to his patients. Any hour, day or night, in his office or in the home, anyone in need of medical care was attended. In 1912 he bought a new high-powered automobile. Residents of the township knew, when they saw a cloud of dust and heard the roar of the motor, Doc was on his way to help someone. In 1930 he moved his practice to Sidney where his untimely death from a massive stroke occurred in 1937.

POST OFFICES OF PEMBERTON



PENNY POST CARD, PEMBERTON POSTMARK

EARLY MAILMAN, IDENTITY & POST OFFICE UNKNOWN

POSTMASTERS OF PEMBERTON, OH
1854 - 2000

NAME	TITLE	DATE APPOINTED
Joseph R. Smith	Postmaster	3/7/1854
Cyrus Apple	Postmaster	6/2/1855
Joseph Watkins	Postmaster	2/13/3857
Reuben D. Coon	Postmaster	4/13/1859
Jacob P. Wilkinson	Postmaster	8/12/1861
Reuben D. Coon	Postmaster	1/16/1866
William Proctor	Postmaster	12/28/1866
George R. Forsythe	Postmaster	2/15/1869
Henry H. Staley	Postmaster	8/9/1880
Newton Miller	Postmaster	5/4/1881
Jackson White	Postmaster	10/27/1885
Steward S. Foulke	Postmaster	6/14/1889
Cyrus T. Kerns	Postmaster	2/4/1891
Mrs. Sallie A. Ross	Postmaster	3/9/1882
Isaac W. Beeson	Postmaster	2/14/1896
Isaac L. Randall	Postmaster	7/15/1897
Annette Smoot	Postmaster	8/10/1909
Cramer A. Higginbotham	Acting Postmaster	7/25/1917
Cramer A. Higginbotham	Postmaster	10/10/1917
George A. Hahn	Postmaster	10/9/1918
Oscar J. Reeder	Postmaster	6/9/1924
Catherine Rickey	Acting Postmaster	11/24/1934
Marion R. Herring	Postmaster	1/24/1935
Mrs. Lou Wisecup	Officer in Charge	6/30/1973
Mrs. Shirley A. Phelps	Postmaster	1/5/1974
Irene M. Dues	Officer in Charge	8/31/1995
Janette K. Lopez Degan	Postmaster	12/9/1995
Richard Reiger	Officer in Charge	7/19/99
Judith Johnson	Postmaster	10/18/02

PEMBERTON POST OFFICE LOCATIONS

RURAL ROUTE CARRIERS

A few of the early post office locations can be recalled. During the year he was post master, H.H. Staley also managed the Forsythe Hotel. It is logical to assume he provided a room in the hotel for the post office business in 1880.

George Hahn was said to have had the post office during his nearly 6 years in his home, south of the township house. Hahn's house was located on the east side of Palestine street, north of the driveway now called Guppy street.

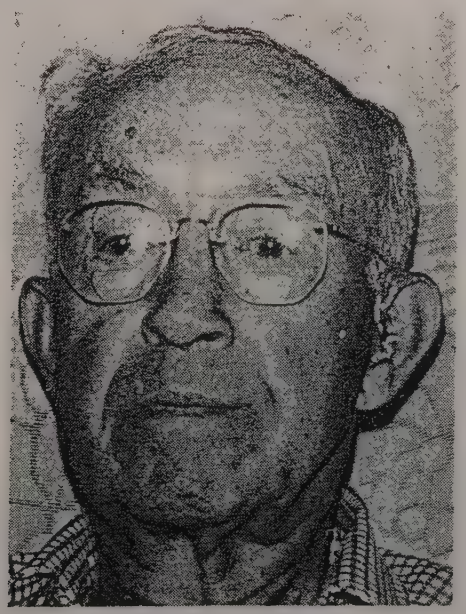
Oscar Reeder distributed letters and postcards from a small building south of his home, fronting Palestine street. The building, one time used as a garage was torn down in 2001.

Marion Herring operated the Pemberton post office for more than a decade in the south section of his grocery, west side of Palestine street north of the railroad. This building no longer exists. During Herring's tenure, the mail bags were thrown off the trains to be gathered up by a courier and taken to the office. The outgoing mail was hung on a post where it was hopefully snagged daily by the postal official on the mail car. Carl Bosworth performed this service of caring for the outgoing and incoming railroad mail for several years.

After Herring's retirement Shirley Phelps was appointed postmaster. Her husband, Junnie, remodeled the former home of James and Nora Rickey, across from the township house, making it into a most suitable post office. The business of the postal service continues to be conducted there to date in Pemberton.

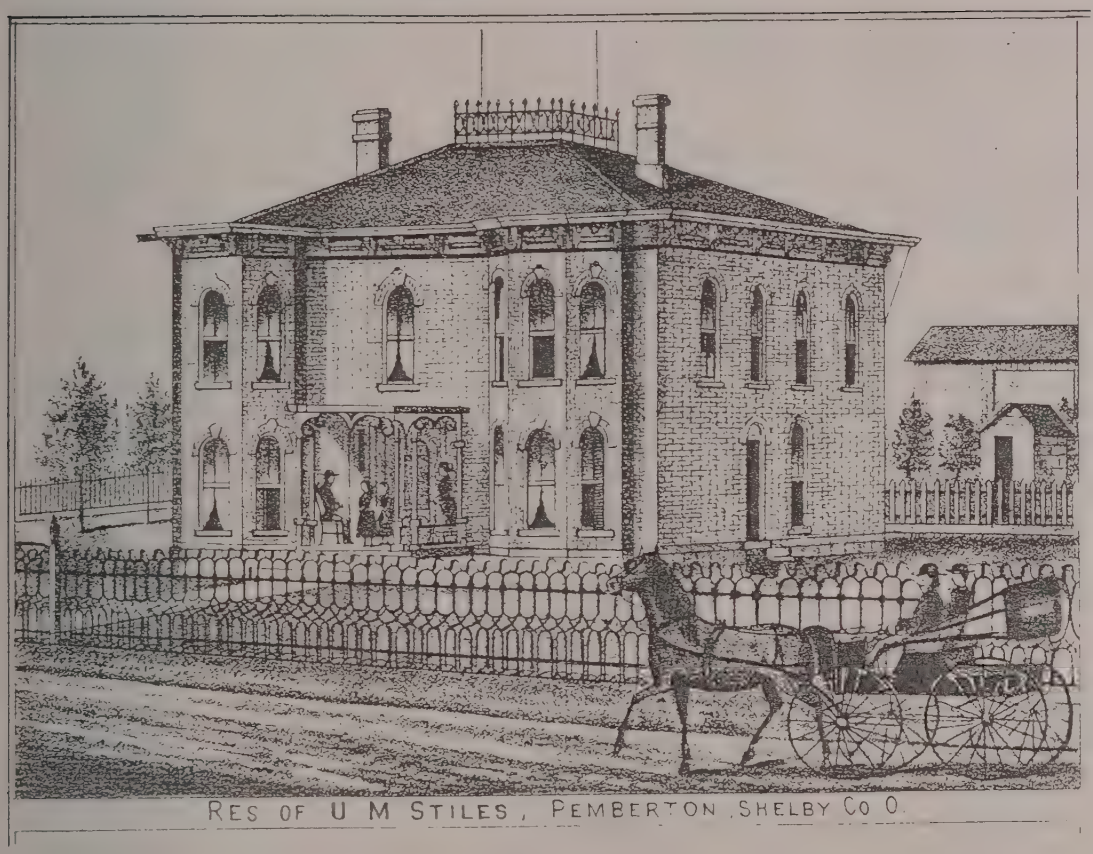
There were three known rural carriers on the Pemberton RFD route. Donis Wirick, then Grant Wirick, and the last, Elza Bell. Mr. Bell retired in 1959 and the route was discontinued. Mail for the village is handled at the post office, all patrons on the former rural route were consolidated into the Sidney office of rural delivery.

LAST RURAL MAIL CARRIER ON THE PEMBERTON ROUTE



Elza V. Bell

SOME HOMES OF INTEREST



THE STILES HOUSE The large brick home at the north edge of Pemberton was built in 1878 by Uriah M. Stiles. Later occupied by Mr. Stiles daughter Stella & her husband, Harry Faulkner, the house has been a landmark in the town. An attractive iron fence frames the front of the house, looking today very much the same as it did in the picture above, taken from the 1883 Sutton History of Shelby County.

After the Faulkners' moved to Sidney, the house was bought by Charles and Cora McCashen, Perry township farmers, retiring from active farm life. The McCashens' kept chickens and a cow, selling milk, cream and eggs to nearby neighbors. In the 1930s they furnished milk to the Pemberton School for the cafeteria and Home Economics projects. Each school day one of the Home Ec students came to the home, carrying a container which Mrs. McCashen filled with milk. Many school teachers boarded with the McCashens'through the school term and kept in touch with them for years after. Despite numerous owners and occupants through the years, the house is in good condition.

VANDEMARK HOUSE Located on the east side of Palestine street, south of the railroad, is the large brick home built in 1875 by Daniel Vandemark for $3500. This area was not included in the platting of Pemberton. By 1865 it was owned by Mr. Vandemark and described as a farm of 77.20 acres. Other buildings included a barn and corn crib situated south of the house. The attractive home was occupied by the Vandemark family until Daniel's death in 1883. It was then purchased by Oscar and Lou (Clara Louanna) Reeder. In 1906 they remodeled a part of the house. Large windows were installed into each of the front rooms and the hallway included into a sitting room. The closed stairway was opened and transformed into a beautiful flight of stairs.

Mr. Reeder was post master from 1924 to 1934 and a small building in front and just south of the house was utilized for the post office. This building was demolished in 1998. After Oscar died, im 1934, and Lou in 1941, Clarence and Sallie Sidle spent the rest of their years in the home. The house is occupied and in good repair.

AILES HOUSE This house was built by Louis G. Shanley about 1912, being a two story white frame dwelling. It holds the record for occupancy by the same family in Pemberton. Located on the corner of Leonard and Palestine streets, Sidney and Lina Baker Ailes came here with their five children in 1928. Ned, the second son, with his wife, Estelle, reside here, making the Ailes residency in 2001 an amazing 74 years.

Containing about 12 rooms, plus attic, basement, and sleeping porch, the well kept house is one of the largest in town. Sidney Ailes taught in the Pemberton school many years and both he and Lina taught classes in the Baptist Sunday School. Lina was never too busy with her own family to help others. She was often called upon to assist with home births.

After the older children left to make their own homes, the extra bedrooms were used to board Pemberton school teachers. One teacher came to board while teaching in Pemberton and, while there, became engaged to marry the youngest son, John. John and Clara moved farthest from the homestead, settling in California.

GREEN HOUSE This large frame house, located on the northwest corner of Palestine and Hill streets was built in 1906 by English born Isaac Green. Mr. Green immigrated from England, arriving in New York in 1887 when he was 25 years old. A year later he applied for citizenship. Just when he came to Pemberton is not known. He was a well educated man, writing sketches about his home land and describing his return visits which were published in the local newspaper.

The house was noteworthy because of the furnace and other modern conveniences Mr. Green incorporated in the building plans. A wide front porch skirted the east and north sides, where he and his second wife, Cora DeWeese Green, spent many pleasant summer evenings.

A barn behind the house sheltered Mr. Green's fancy chickens, which were shown at County Fairs and other competitions. A sizeable collection of blue ribbons were won by them. Mr. and Mrs. Green were longtime members of the Pemberton Baptist church. A comprehensive history of the church was written by Mr. Green on the 50th anniversary, 1924.

RESIDENTS OF PEMBERTON,

AS REPORTED IN THE 1916 - 1921 DIRECTORY
(Not all streets or occupations given)

Ater, Doris

Blackford, F.V. & N.H.

Buroker, W.M.

Cannon, Simeon B. & Harriet, Main Street, Carpenter

Clark, Cory & Florence, Main Street

Clark, F.N.

Clayton, Eunice

Clayton, Harry N. & Lucy, Main Street

Clayton, T.M.

Cottrel, Laura B. & William E.

Coverstone, Chase, E.F. & Jane

Crowe, Daniel, Section Hand, Walnut Street

Davidson, Archibald J. & Mary W., Main Street

Davidson, Clarence & Lillian, Palestine Street

Davidson, Miller A.

DeWeese, James, Main Street

Dill, Ethel

Elliott, Etta

Elliott, John B. & Minnie, Main St.

Elliott, Wm. T. & Henrietta, Main Street

Everett, Wm. & Catharine

Faulkner, H.M.

Gish, Harley, Palestine Street, Painter & Paper Hanger

Gish, Samuel & Julia, Main Street

Graves, Isadore

Green, Isaac & Cora, Palestine Street

Gross, Jacob

Hahn, George, Palestine Street, General repairs

Hain, Bonnie

Halboth, J.A. & Emma

Harbour, E.E. & Kenneth

Harbour, Royal W.

Hedges, Joe & Bertie, Vine Street, Big Four Agent

Higginbotham, J.H., Agnes & Cramer, Palestine Street
Hufford, John & Laura, Main Street, Grocer
Hume, Lewis & Elizabeth, Main Street
Johnson, John & Emma, Main Street
Kemp, Mary, Palestine Street
Kemp, S.M.
Kerns, Mrs. Della, Palestine Street
Kiser, B.F.
McMaster, Jacob & Jennie, Main Street, Gardener
Mason, J.W.
Melhorn, Rufo & Nellie, Palestine Street, Elevator foreman
Monroe, Gilbert & Josephine, Palestine Street
Pence, Jane
Randall, Isaac & Jane, Main Street, Carpenter
Reeder, O.J., Palestine Street, Elevator foreman
Reeder, Susan, Palestine Street
Reese, Frank
Rench, Jacob
Rickey, Isaac & Victoria, Palestine Street, Section Hand Railroad
Rickey, J.T.
Shanley, L.G. & Lydia
Shreve, Wm. T. & Nannie, Palestine Street, Grocer
Shreve, Wm. R. & Melemae, Palestine Street, Grocer
Simmons, J.W., Palestine Street
Slagle, Elizabeth J., Palestine Street
Slagle, O.E. Palestine Street
Smith, Fred & Ethel, Main Street, Barber
Smoot, Mrs. Annetta, Palestine Street, Postmistress
Smoot, Coila
Spaugy, Frank & Clara, Palestine Street
Sparks, Wm. & Mary, Palestine Street, Telegrapher
Speece. J.O.
Spencer, Omar C. & Emma, Main Street, Cement contractor
Stahler, H.A. & John H.
Stevenson, Mrs. Margaret, Palestine Street
Stiles, U.M. Palestine Street

Thorne, Harley & Bessie, Vine Street, Section Hand, Railroad
Thorne, N.C.
Thorne, Orlando O., Main Street, Sawmill
Van Horn, John & Effa, Main Street, Section Hand
Watkins, Harry D.
Weaver, Lentie & Anna, Palestine Street, Principal of High School
Wiggin, George & Mary, Palestine Street, Clergyman
Wilkinson, Anna B.
Wilkinson, Mitchell & Tima
Wilkinson, Mrs. Sallie R.
Wirick, Harry F. & Lucy, Palestine Street
Wrench, Dave & Hattie, Walnut Street
Young, Adam & Mary, Main Street
Young, Mary J.
Zimpher, George, Palestine Street
Zimpher, Lloyd & Lulu, Leonard Street

EARLY SALE OF PEMBERTON LOTS

In a deed dated 4 November 1852, John H. & Leonard T. Elliott bought 29 Lots in Pemberton for $500. This averages a little over $17 each. They were:

1	5	9	14	21	34	37	42	45	48
2	6	10	20	32	35	38	43	46	55
3	7	13	30	33	36	39	44	47	

In the SIDNEY JOURNAL, 1875, it was announced the following homes were built in Pemberton:

Daniel Vandemark, brick for $3500.
Samuel Nelson, frame for $1200.
John Blue, frame for 1200.
Elias Sturm, frame for $600.
Mr. Davidson, frame for $1500.
G.W. Spencer, frame for $1500.

In 1880, a house on Palestine Street, built by John M. Monroe.
In 1906, a house built by Isaac Green, Palestine Street
In 1906, Baptist Church parsonage, built on Palestine Street
In 1906, Home & office of Dr. Thomas Cable on Main Street.

HISTORY OF PEMBERTON SCHOOLS

FIRST CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

GRADES 1 - 12

BUILT 1923

PEMBERTON SCHOOL
About 1890

Early picture of the Pemberton School on Main Street. Later the Unity Grange Hall. Note the barn at right of picture, where wagons were housed to transport the children to school by horse-power.....

This school, accomodating the elementary grades and a three year high school, replaced a one-room school.

DISTRICT #2
PEMBERTON SCHOOL

Location: NW corner Main & Davidson Streets, Pemberton
1992: Private dwelling

The lot District #2 was situated on was part of a land grant deeded to William Moore in 1825, the deed signed by President John Quincy Adams. Later owners were Absolom Chambers and John Kemp. In April of 1856, Perry Twp. School Board bought the NW corner of the farm, consisting of 1/2 acre for $25.00. The members of the school board were Joseph M. Elliott, G.R. Forsythe, B.C. Wilkinson, Marshall Pepper, Isaac Harrison and David Line.

A one-room school was erected on the lot. In April 1884, another purchase for the schoollot was made. A strip 100 feet long on the north side was bought from John Blue for $325.00. On June 2, 1884, a contract was agreed upon between the Perry Twp. School Board and builder Isaac D. Anderson to erect a two-story schoolhouse on the lot, to be completed and ready for occupancy by Oct. 1, 1888. An estimated credit of $425.00 was allowed for the old school and Mr. Anderson was permitted to use any "good" material from it in the new building, provided his selections met the approval of the school board.

The estimates submitted by Mr. Anderson in the contract were as follows:

Foundation and wall	$ 294.00
Brick in wall	1323.50
Lumber & carpentry	810.00
Slating, registers & ventilation flues	260.00
Hardware & glass	180.00
Caps, sills, water table	150.00
Painting & glazing	64.50
Hauling	50.00
Plastering & material	169.00
	$3301.00

Careful plans were made for construction of the school. This was revealed many years later when the building was in use as Unity Grange Hall. A small fire occurred late one night on the second floor which was quickly discovered and speedily extinguished. It was then learned a layer of concrete had been installed between the two floors, thus preventing any possible fire from spreading through the upper and lower rooms.

There were two rooms downstairs, where primary and secondary, or intermediate, pupils were taught. Upstairs, one room was occupied by 8th graders and any high school students. The first class of high school graduates was in 1893, 5 scholars having gained their second class high school diplomas by successfully completing two additional years of study. See pictures and descriptive articles elsewhere in this record.

The building faced the east, or Main Street, with double doors at the entrance. The well pump, with the common tin cup hanging on a hook, was about halfway up the walk. A back door, to the west, was installed in one of the classrooms.

A broad hall extended across the front of the interior, both upstairs and down. Numerous hooks lined the halls, where children hung their outer clothing. Doors at the extreme north and south ends of the hall led to the downstairs rooms and a very wide, very long open staircase provided access to the upper room.

Three large coal and wood burning stoves, one in each room, gave questionable amounts of heat during winter months. Fifty cents worth of coal provided heat for several days.

DISTRICT #2, PEMBERTON
Continued

At the south end of the upstairs room there was an elevated stage where school programs and exercises were held. The annual commencements were held in either the Methodist or the Baptist church in Pemberton. An upstairs door to the west led to a sturdy, steel fire escape which, as far as is known, was never used except perhaps by eager students at recess.

In 1891 the school board members were Rev. Ben Rinehart, Al Slagle and Steven Haines. They were responsible for hiring Shelby County native, George C. Enders, as teacher and principal. He came to Pemberton from New Palestine, in Green Township, where he had just completed his first teaching assignment. At only 22 years of age, he was not much older than some of his students, also somewhat shorter in stature and lighter in weight than a few of the sturdy farm boys. Problems of discipline soon surfaced. On one occasion, he entered the classroom and found written on the blackboard in large letters, "TEACHER IS A MULE...." Mr. Enders took chalk in hand and added one word, "DRIVER..."

One of the other teachers created a real problem for himself by announcing on opening day that he planned to teach always with kindness and he made the bold statement that he never intended to use the rod. That evening he regretted his rash promise and worried long into the night about the consequences it might have. By morning he had solved his dilemma and came to school prepared.

The larger boys arrived early the following day, ready and willing to test the no-rod theory as soon as possible. Before long the expected crisis was at hand. The teacher calmly drew a piece of rubber hose from his pocket and applied it with vigor. Student behavior from that time on was decidedly improved.

The year of 1892 concluded with a program by the class at Pemberton Baptist church.

Outbuildings on the lot included a woodhouse and school barn. When the barn was built is not known but an article in the SIDNEY WEEKLY JOURNAL, Feb. 8, 1917, gave the account of the school barn catching fire and burning. There were, according to the news item, 5 wagons and 5 horses used to haul the children to school in the barn. The horses were saved but 4 of the wagons and 4 sets of harness were destroyed.

The building was used as a school until 1923 when it was condemned for that purpose. The new consolidated school, grades 1 - 12, was completed in 1923. It was located in Pemberton, on Palestine Street, a block east of the old school. The former building stood idle only a few weeks when it was purchased by the membership of Unity Grange for $350.00, with an additional $31.75 for the three heating stoves.

Unity Grange held meetings here until 1983, when decreased membership could no longer maintain the taxes, upkeep and insurance on the building. It was sold at public auction to a private citizen and is currently used as a private dwelling.

This account was taken from SHELBY COUNTY ONE ROOM SCHOOLS, 1993, published by the Shelby County Genealogical Society.

FIRST CLASS OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES
PEMBERTON, PERRY TOWNSHIP
1893

TEACHER
GEORGE C. ENDERS

STELLA STILES

MINNIE ROSS

CARRIE CLARK

SAMUEL MILLER

JENNIE SIMMONS

GRADUATION EXERCISES
CLASS OF 1893
PEMBERTON, OH

SIDNEY WEEKLY JOURNAL, 19 May 1893

The bad weather did not delay our Commencement exercises held in the M.E. church. There was a large audience and it proved to be a very satisfactory affair. On entering the church, to the left was the motto, "The School is the Hope of the Nation." Over the pulpit was the class color, lavender, on which was the class motto, "Not Finished but Begun", in red velvet letters. The exercises were opened with music by the choir entitled,"Crown Him Lord of All" followed with invocation by Rev. F.M. Taylor.

The saluatory, "Not Finished but Begun", was the subject of Miss Stella Stiles oration. Miss Stiles was dressed in white mull with elegant silk lace at neck and sleeves, a white surah sash, white hair ribbon and bouquet of white carnations.

Miss Carrie Clark's subject was "This life is What we Make it". She was dressed in cream colored cashmere, made with train and very beautifully trimmed with lace and ribbon, white gloves, white oxford ties and bouquet of white lilacs.

Sam Miller reviewed "Our Chinese Wall". Mr. Miller's suit was of black cloth cut with a sack coat, with a handsome pink silk cravat, bouquet of white flowers.

Miss Minnie B. Ross subject was "Drifting With the Tide". Miss Ross was attired in white mull with handsome wide silk lace at neck and sleeves, made with empire belt, bouquet of white Pinks.

The valdictory, "No Rose Without a Thorn", was delivered by Miss Jennie W. Simmons. Her dress was of cream Henrietta, made with train, trimmed with a profusion of silk lace, empire belt, white gloves, white toe slippers and bouquet of Marchelneil roses.

This was followed by the class address by Professor A.W. Gamble, of Sidney, and the presentation of diplomas by Professor George C. Enders, music by the choir, "Goodnight, Gentle Folks", then a very fine talk by Rev. A.W. Collins. Benediction by Rev. F.M. Taylor.

The essays of the class were very fine and well delivered. The address made by Mr. Gamble was very instructive, containing some very good advice which all present might profit by. Enders' address, while brief, was entirely to the point after which he presented the diplomas to the class with some very good advice to each and a kindly reminder that their school associations were severed. The music by the choir was very fine, especially the piece entitled, "The Midnight Fire Alarm", which was appreciated by all.

PERRY TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL IN PEMBERTON, OH

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, 2 SEPTEMBER 1924

Superintendent, W.L.C. Sturm: Graduate of N.N.U. In addition to having charge of the administrative work of the entire school, he teaches High School & 7th and 8th grades Mathematics.

Principal, W.C. King: Graduate of ONU & OSU, he teaches Latin, History and Manual Arts and has charge of High School Athletics. He is Director of a most excellent Quartette of girls, Misses Mabelle Buroker, Mary Frances Gaines, Beulah Littlejohn and Fern Coverstone. Principal King lives in Port Jefferson.

Teacher Helen N. Johnston: Graduate of OSU, teaches English and Social Science in High School and has charge of Girls' Athletics and Physical Training. Miss Johnston is from Columbus.

Teacher Mary Lee Thomas: Graduate of MU, teaches 7th & 8th grades except Arithmetic and has charge of the Household Arts in High School. Miss Thomas is from Covington.

Teacher Launa Ammon: Graduate of Shelby Co. Normal School, teaches 5th & 6th grades. Miss Ammon lives in Perry Township.

Teacher Dorothy Laymaster: Graduate of Shelby Co. Normal School, teaches 3rd and 4th grades. Miss Leymaster lives in Green Township and this is her first year as a teacher.

Teacher Margaret Pauline Sturm: Graduate of Shelby Co. Normal School, teaches 1st & 2nd grades. Miss Sturm lives in Perry Township and has taught 5 years.

Teacher C.G. Harbaugh: Music Director of the entire school and has been music teacher of Conover, Fletcher, Orange & Green Township Schools.

Custodian Forest Higginbotham: Has charge of the building and grounds.

Six trucks are used to deliver the pupils to school. The drivers responsible for their safe delivery are Albert Bell, Oscar Coverstone, Samuel Dormire, Emory Baker and Harley Struble.

John M. Brankle is the watchman at the Railroad crossing.

The Board of Education having charge of the school is composed of the following gentlemen: President C.W. Barnes, F.M. Sayre, L.E. Vesper, I.M Wilkinson, and the clerk is N.C. Enders.

The teachers and school officials are glad to have patrons and friends visit the school at any time.

From the Sidney Democrat, 5 September 1924.

SPORTS OF PEMBERTON

No records were found to indicate just when the first exciting cry of "PLAY BALL!" rang out in Pemberton. Neither is the location of the first baseball diamond in the town known. More regrettable, the names of players fielding early teams have been lost in time. From a local newspaper of May, 1884, came an announcement concerning the organization of a Pemberton baseball team. Whether this was an annual occurrence or the initial attempt at organized baseball in the town could not be determined.

From subsequent newspaper items, some names of Pemberton teams and their rivals were learned. The Port Jefferson Whirlwinds, Tawawa Reserves, and Sidney Hoodoos were a few. Pemberton teams had unimaginative names, the Pemberton First Nines and Pemberton Second Nines. Judging by their names, there were younger teams as well, the Pemberton Juveniles and Pemberton Infants.

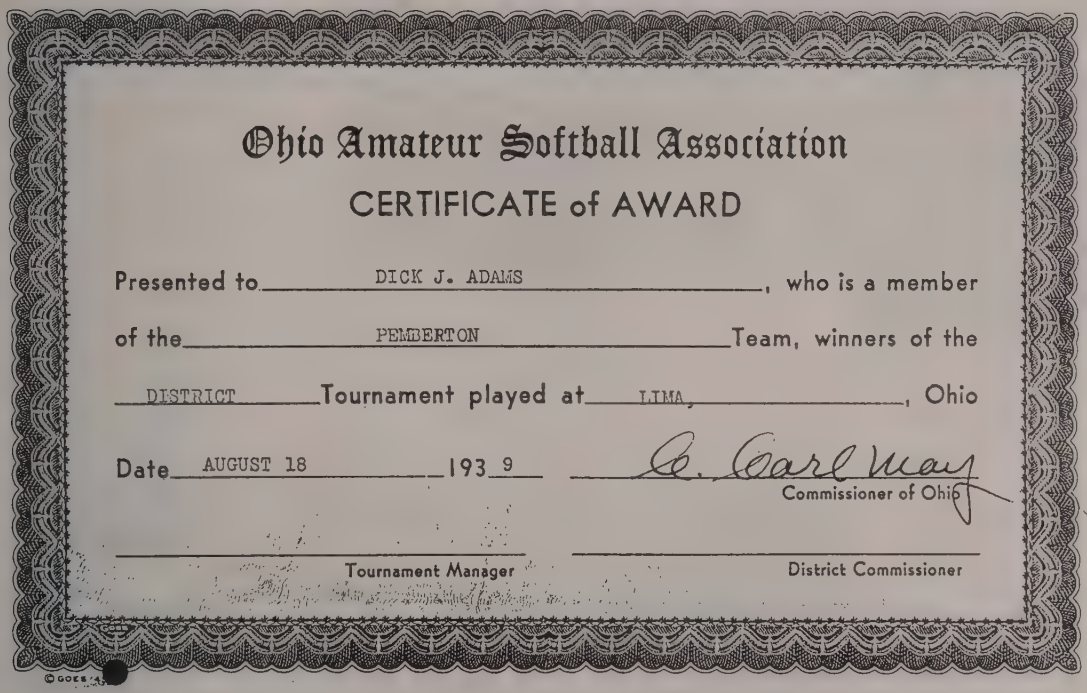
In September, 1895, a DeGraff team, the Johnsons, was defeated at Pemberton by the First Nines, 14 to 7. That same month, the Second Nines were outscored 4 to 1 when they crossed bats with Quincy. By 1907 the First Nines had been renamed the Pemberton Blues. In August of that year, Rosewood beat them soundly, 9 to 1, but the next day the Blues whitewashed Botkins, 12 to 0. it was announced Pemberton would next play the Sidney Hoodoos, admission, 15¢

Softball came to Pemberton and was played in earnest in the 1930's and 1940's. Two teams were active, the Reds and a younger team, the Blues. About this time the first night games were introduced in Pemberton. Pemberton resident and Blacksmith, Bill Cottrel, fashioned lights effective for play after dark and they were installed at the field. It was located in the southeast corner of the Perry Township school yard. On August 18, 1939, the Reds won the District Softball Tournament at Lima. Each player received a certificate from the Ohio Amateur Softball Association. Two nights a week throughout the summer months, there were ballgames at Pemberton, attended by fans from a wide area.

Members of the Pemberton Reds in 1940 were:

Dave Chrisman, Catcher	Claire Boone, Third base
Dick Adams, Pitcher	Bob Staley, Short field
Lloyd Brown, First base	Donel Valentine, Left field
Charles Borland, Second base	Ernest Ammon & Henry Brown, Center field
Junior Rickey, Shortstop	Carl Sidle, Right field

Roy Ammon, Manager



Ohio Amateur Softball Association

CERTIFICATE of AWARD

Presented to DICK J. ADAMS, who is a member of the PEMBERTON Team, winners of the DISTRICT Tournament played at LIMA, Ohio

Date AUGUST 18 1939

E. Earl May
Commissioner of Ohio

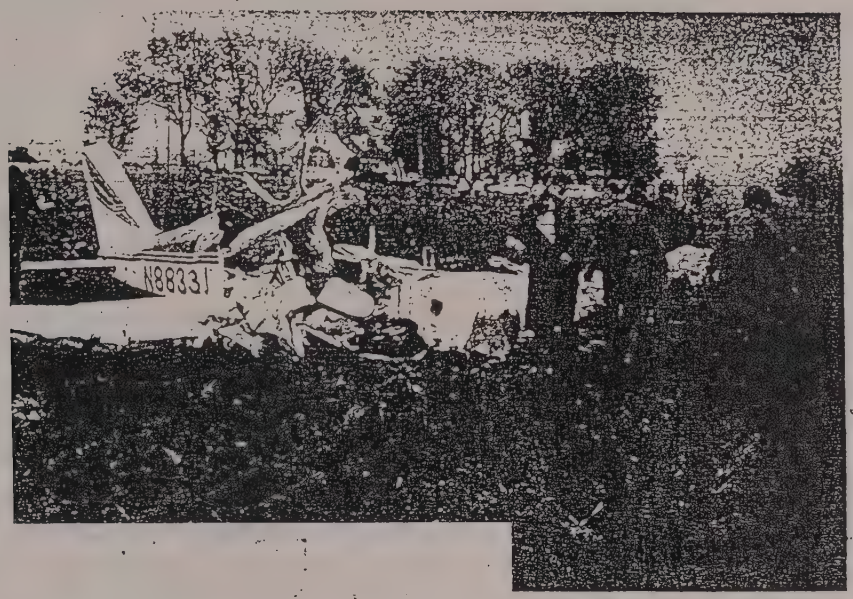
Tournament Manager

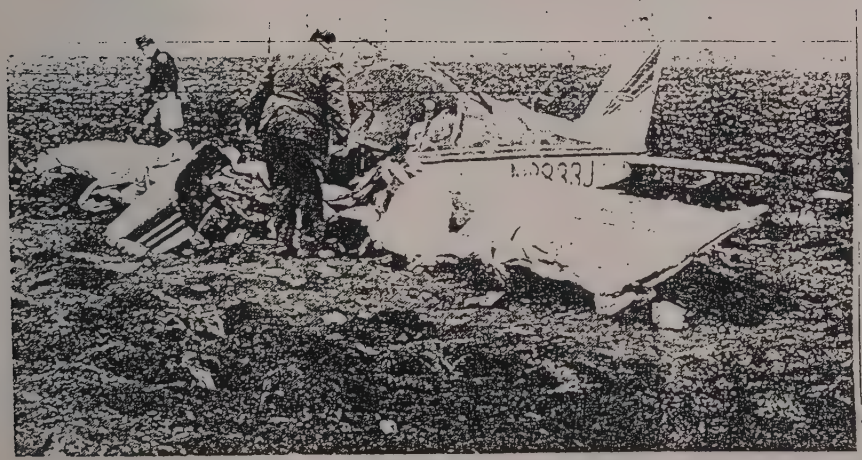
District Commissioner

PEMBERTON REDS OF 1939

Junior Rickey	Shortstop	Lloyd Brown	1st Base
Charles Borland	S. Fielder	Robert Staley	Center Field
Claire Boone	3rd Base	Darwin Harbour	Left Field
Jack Boone	2nd Base	Dave Chrisman	Catcher
Henry Brown	Right Field	Dick Adams	Pitcher
	Cable Pepper	Pitcher	

TRAGEDIES OF PEMBERTON





NEWSPAPER PHOTOS OF PLANE CRASH

5 KILLED

NEAR BILL COTTREL'S HOME, SOUTH OF TOWN

October 11, 1971

TRAGEDIES OF PEMBERTON

All communities suffer tragic events. In Pemberton the two dangerous railroad crossings have contributed to numerous fatal accidents. At a meeting of Unity Grange, April 1948, a committee was appointed to appeal to the railroad to install warning lights at one or both crossings. On the committee were Perry Township residents, Robert Clay, Elzo Henman and I.M. Wilkinson. Their petition fell on deaf ears. Nearly 50 years later, in 1996, Conrail installed flasher lights and guard gates at the east crossing.

Recollections of persons living today do not extend beyond the first few decades of 1900. Legends persist of disasters but not each one can now be verified. Records of early tragedies related here were taken from newspaper accounts and are only as accurate as the words of reporters. In more recent years, the stories combine memories and newspapers.

1875 Martin V. White

The earliest railroad fatality found concerns the death of Martin V. White, Pemberton resident. On Christmas Day, while on duty at his job as a brakeman on the Beeline, he was killed somewhere between Pemberton and DeGraff. Few details were available as no one witnessed the accident. His body was found along the tracks near DeGraff. Mr. White was 38 years old, survived by a wife and five children. Burial was at Indian Creek Cemetery, Pemberton, where his headstone is engraved with the words, "Killed by the Cars..."

1880 Jane Donaldson

On the 20th of February, Jane, the 55 year old wife of Thomas Donaldson, who resided in Pemberton, fell into a blazing fireplace. Before help arrived she was badly burned and she died later that same day. The Donaldsons' had one adopted daughter. Jane was buried at Glen Cemetery, Port Jefferson.

1884 Tom Donaldson

Thomas Donaldson, husband of Jane, above, got on the eastbound passenger train Friday night, November 25th, to go home to Pemberton. He was intoxicated and had no money. He was put off the train on the west side of the Miami River bridge. Tom started to walk home but fell 33 feet through an opening on the bridge, landing on the bed of the river near the edge of the water, where he lay until morning. He was found unconscious by Benjamin Maxwell. A physician was called who restored him to consciousness. Four ribs were ascertained to be broken and he had a number of cuts and bruises. On Monday he was taken home and hopes of his recovery were entertained but he grew worse and died a week later. He was buried at Glen Cemetery beside his wife, Jane.

1893 Ike Ray

There were various causes of violent deaths in Pemberton. In October, on a beautiful fall evening, Ike Ray was murdered as he made his way to his home north of the creek bridge on Main Street. He was 47 years old, son of the late Charles Ray and his wife Elizabeth. A bachelor, he was his mother's sole support. A brother, Jeremiah, died of disease in the Civil Way in 1864, his father died the same year.

Shortly after 10 o'clock that evening, Ike left his work at the livery stable of L.J. Moore on Palestine Street south of the creek. He was almost home when he was felled by several severe blows to the head.

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Nearby neighbors heard his dying groans and the galloping of a horse as the murderer hurriedly fled the scene. Dr. Simmons was alerted and rushed to his side but the victim was very near death. Few, if any, residents of the town slept any that night. A $900 reward was offered but the person responsible was never apprehended. Speculation was the murder was a case of mistaken identity for Ike had no money with him and had no known enemies. Soon after the murder, Ike's mother was taken to the County Home where she died in 1897.

1898 Eugene Burke

A distressing, fatal accident occurred in Pemberton at the grain elevator in May. Described in the Sidney Journal was the death of one of the young sons of M.D. Burke, elevator owner. The boys, Roy, 12 years; Eugene, 9 years; and Arthur, 6 years, were playing at the binsite when they crawled into the top of a large bin of grain.

Unaware the boys were anywhere around, workmen below opened the spout at the bottom of the 2500 bushel bin, preparing to load a freight car. Eugene was at once caught by the suction. His brothers tried to rescue him and had partly pulled him out when they were both caught. Managing to free himself and realizing he could not help his brothers, Roy ran below to alert the workmen. When the men reached the scene, neither boy was visible. Arthur was quickly found and revived but Eugene, some 18 feet below the surface, was dead when the frantic workers found him.

His funeral was held at the M.E. Church and was the largest to that date in Pemberton. Eugene was believed to have been buried at Indian Creek, north of town, but no tombstone to mark his grave was ever found.

1898 Southwaite Thorn

An old resident of Pemberton was instantly killed on September 26th, being run over by the Knickerbocker, a fast freight train. Southwaite Thorn was sitting on the track when the train came along and it was supposed he did not hear it approaching. The accident happened in Logan County just over the Shelby County line. Both legs were cut off at the hips and he was badly bruised about the head. The Sidney Journal reported almost every bone in his body was broken. He was taken to his home in Pemberton with funeral services held Monday morning, being largely attended. Southwaite was about 70 years old and a lifelong resident of Pemberton. He left a wife, 2 sons and a daughter. His daughter, Sallie Barringer, was an employee of the girl's cottage at the Childrens' Home. He was buried first at Indian Creek, then in 1904 removed to Glen Cemetery, Port Jefferson.

1902 Isaac Reeder

Isaac Reeder, an old man and resident of Pemberton for the past three years, was killed by the westbound passenger train on March 19th. Driving a horse and wagon, witnesses said he was crossing the Main street tracks when he was hit. It appeared he noticed the train but thought he could get across. Seeing he could not, he was unable to stop the horse, which was also killed. Isaac was hurled down the track 60 feet and dead when help reached him. He was 65 years of age and had lived in the vicinity of Pemberton most of his life.

Mr. Reeder left a wife, to whom he had been married about 40 years and 3 sons, Oliver, Charles and Max.

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1912 Cynthia J. Wilkinson

Mrs. Cynthia J. Wilkinson, widow of Isaac, an aged and prominent resident of Pemberton, had a fatal ride from near Pemberton to near Quincy on the night of August 16th as a result of a runaway horse. She received injuries that resulted in her death at 4:30 the following morning.

Mrs. Wilkinson was 74 years of age. She and two other ladies went to visit at the home of Claude Graves, south of Pemberton. A horse, which was thought to be gentle, and buggy were obtained at the livery stable. When it was decided to return home, Mrs. Wilkinson was assisted into the buggy. As Mr. Graves held the horse's head, he noticed the bridle was broken. He called to the other ladies to get Mrs. Wilkinson out of the buggy but before they could do so, the horse bolted. Mr. Graves tried unsuccessfully to hold it by the broken bridle.

As the horse ran out of the gate, Mr. Graves was knocked down and run over. He struggled to his feet and realized Mrs. Wilkinson was still in the buggy. Running to the home of Charles Enders, down the road east, he reported the runaway and asked for help. Mr. Enders immediately hitched one of his horses and they set off in pursuit. Along the way they inquired of residents and were told a horse and buggy had just passed at breakneck speed with the cries of Mrs. Wilkinson heard all along the way.

One half mile south of Quincy, near the home of Isaac Neer, she was found lying by the side of the road. Dr. Gaines, Pemberton, and Dr. Curl, Quincy, were called but neither could do anything to save her. Her death was caused by a brain concussion and severe shock. Mrs. Wilkinson was one of Pemberton's finest old ladies. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church Sunday morning with burial at Cedar Point. She was survived by one adopted daughter, Fay Harbour.

1927 Clara Margaret Enders Daisy Pence Enders

On May 27th, Clara Margaret Enders was killed in a shocking railroad accident. Named for her two grandmothers, Clara Pence and Margaret Enders, she was the only child of Charles and Daisy Enders. The family lived southeast of Pemberton. Faithful Baptists, they were enroute home from a farewell social honoring Rev. Sherman at the church when the fatal wreck occurred. Mr. Enders had waited at the east crossing for a westbound freight to pass. Failing to observe the eastbound train approaching, he drove onto the track. The hood and front end of the car were struck. A new Reo, it had been fueled that day. and exploded into flames upon impact. Mr. Enders tried until the last possible moment to rescue his daughter from the car. He suffered severe burns about his hands and arms. Her body was burned beyond recognition. John Higginbotham and wife were following closely behind and witnessed the crash. Mr. Higginbotham ran to assist Mr. Enders with Clara Margaret but his efforts also failed.

Mrs. Enders was thrown from the car, suffering burns and multiple injuries. She was found unconscious, lying between an iron fence and the home of Dr. Gaines. His home and office were in the first house, east side of the street, north of the railroad. Mrs. Enders was carried into the house where he cared for her throughout the night as well as for Mr. Enders who was painfully burned and overcome with shock and grief.

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Despite Dr. Gaines efforts and subsequent hospitalizations in Piqua and in Cincinnati, the wife and mother died in September of infections caused by her injuries.

Clara Margaret's funeral was held at the Baptist church and was one of the largest in the history of the church. Her 14th birthday had just been celebrated the month before. Although her condition was grave, Mrs. Enders was conscious and insisted upon attending the funeral. She was brought to the church in an ambulance, lying on a hospital cot. Both mother and daughter were buried at Cedar Point Cemetery, Pasco.

1930 Harold Hedges

In July of 1930, a tragic swimming accident took the life of 18 year old Harold Hedges. He was the son of Pemberton residents, Joe and Birdie Hedges. Harold and several other boys were swimming in Mosquito Creek, Pasco, when he attempted a 20 foot dive from the bridge into three feet of water. When only his head surfaced the other boys immediately went to his rescue. He was pulled from the water but was unable to move any part of his body below his neck.

Dr. Gaines was summoned and his examination revealed a broken neck. The boy died at 9:30 the following evening. He was born in Pemberton, survived by his parents, brothers, Gilbert and Elba, and sister, Mary. His funeral was conducted at the M.E. Church, Pemberton, burial at Cedar Point, Pasco.

1935 Thomas Family

A calamitous car and train accident with mutiple fatalities happened on the evening of January 8, when the 1927 Chevrolet driven by Elmer Thomas was hit broadside at the east Pemberton crossing by the fast eastbound Southwestern Limited of the Big Four Lines. Killed outright were Elmer, 48, his wife, Agnes, 45, and his father, W.W. Thomas, 81. Critically injured was the little daughter, Edna, 4 years old. First on the scene were Cable Pepper and Elba Hedges. They picked the child up, placed her in a car and were speeding to the Sidney Hospital with her when she expired.

Eyewitnesses reported Elmer had crossed the tracks, driving north, went as far as Hufford's Grocery, a distance of less than one-half block, when he turned around, proceeded back across the tracks and was hit by the train.

The Sidney Daily News, June 9th, reported Mr. & Mrs. Thomas had resided in Orange Township and were survived by 7 children.

1942 Scott Shroyer

On the 25th of March, the railroad claimed another victim. Scott Shroyer, 58, was struck at the west crossing by a fast New York Central train. He received internal injuries which caused his death at 2 o'clock the following morning at Wilson Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Shroyer was a native of DeGraff and had moved to Pemberton a little more than a month before the tragic accident. He was headed north, on his way home, when he was hit. Knox Reed, Quincy undertaker, was called to transport him to the hospital in Sidney. At the corner of North and Main Streets, Sidney, the ambulance was involved in an accident and could not continue. The injured man was transferred to the ambulance of H.H. Dearth which delivered him on to the hospital. The deceased was survived by his wife and two daughters.

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1946 Charles W. Boss

The accidental death of a young lad who was born in Pemberton and had recently moved to Wellston*, OH, happened on November 19. Charles William, youngest child of Paul and Irene Boss, had gone without permission along with his two older brothers to the Wellston dump area for target practice. When the 7 year old boy did not return with the others, a search was made for him. He was found with a bullet wound in his head and rushed to the Elyria Hospital where he later died. His brothers and sisters were, Betty, Lima, and those at home, Jack, 17, Martha, 16, Gene, 15, and Carl, 14. (*Wellington, OH)

The news reached Pemberton shortly after the tragedy, a report which shocked and grieved the entire town. The Boss family had been residents here for many years and well liked by all.

1964 Byron Phelps

On April 29, Bryon, 16 year old son of Pemberton residents, Junnie and Shirley Phelps, was critically injured in an auto accident and died the same day. The driver and sole occupant of the car, Bryon crashed into a guard rail at a bridge on Dingman-Slagle road northeast of Pemberton.

Survived by his parents and a sister, Kathy, Bryon was buried at Cedar Point Cemetery, Pasco.

1976 Anderson Family & Terri Lynn Stanwick

An unusual accident within sight of Pemberton occurred on Sunday, October 10th, which took the lives of 5 people. Just north of Pemberton and near the home of Bill and Jean Cottrel, a red and white Piper aircraft plummeted to the earth at about 2:15 in the afternoon. Had this crash happened a short distance north or south of where it did, much damage would have been done and very possibly more lives would have been lost.

Killed were Robert Anderson, 34, his wife, Betty Jane, 35, their two sons, Steven 4, and Timothy, 2. Their next door neighbor, a teen-aged girl named Terri Lynn Stanwick, also perished.

The 17 year old son of the Cottrels', Mark, was a witness to the accident .

The Sidney Daily News reported the destination of the plane was to have been Bellefont, PA.

1976 Michael H. Smith

In May an accident at the Bambauer Elevator took the life of 23 year old Michael (Mike) Howard Smith, an employee. Mike was operating a fork life when it overturned. His parents were Gerald and Wilma Andrews Smith of Green Twp., Shelby County.

The services were held at Suber Funeral Home, Fletcher, and attended by a large representation of friends and relatives from the entire area.

1998 Robert Ahrns Jr.

The most recent unfortunate death happened in November when Robert Arhns, 16 year old son of Robert Ahrns Sr., Pemberton resident, was accidentally shot by his 13 year old brother. Several members of the family were on a hunting trip when the boy was killed by a stray bullet. He died at the scene.

SUICIDES OF PEMBERTON

Suicides, too, are tragedies. A few were reported of residents in or near the town....

1921 Joseph Niswonger

Joseph Niswonger, whose family moved into Pemberton shortly after his death, shot himself about 5:30 a.m. on June 18th. He lived southeast of town and was 54 years of age. A year before he was involved in a run-away accident and had been in ill health since, suffering much discomfort nearly every day. He was survived by his wife, Ella, his children, Clifford, 19, Raymond, 16, Robert, 13, and Mary, 8. Funeral services were held in the Niswonger home, burial at Cedar Point, Pasco.

1922 Grant Wirick

A little more than a year later in July, Grant Wirick hung himself in the hay-mow of his barn at his home in Pemberton. Mr. Wirick was the rural mail carrier on the Pemberton RFD route for many years. Two years before he had been afflicted with a nervous breakdown from which he had never fully recovered.

His body was found by his wife, the former Lillie Hance. Considered one of the leading citizens of Pemberton and Perry Township, he was well liked by all. At the time of his death he was 52 years of age. In addition to his wife, he was survived by one daughter. He was buried at Cedar Point, Pasco.

1952 Eugene Heaton

On Labor Day, Eugene (Gene) Heaton, Pemberton resident and janitor of the local school, took his life. Nearby residents noticed his car had been parked behind the schoolhouse for some time, with the motor running. Upon investigation, it was found he had attached a hose to the tail pipe and brought it through a small opening in one of the car windows. Many of the town residents rushed to him but by the time horrified neighbors had pulled his body from the car, he had expired.

No plausible reason was ever suggested for his act. Gene and his wife, the former Ola Rickey, had no children. He was buried at Cedar Point, Pasco.

1965 Victor Epperson

On Christmas Day Victor Epperson, younger son of Samuel and Sadie Epperson, hung himself in a small shed behind his home at the east side of Pemberton. Vic was 44 years old, unmarried, and no cause was determined for his action.

In the kitchen was found his partly eaten breakfast and later that day he was to have attended a Christmas gathering with his brother and sisters who were, Hanson Epperson, Mary Epperson, and Lucille Pfister. He was buried at Cedar Point, Pasco.

HISTORY OF UNITY GRANGE

GOLDIE WILKINSON
BONNIE CAMPBELL
ROBERTA BOWERS

BERTHA DORMIRE
CLARA DODDS
MARY EPPERSON

ELIZABETH GILLMAN
MARY SWIGER
EILEEN DUGGER

UNITY GRANGE #2105
PEMBERTON, OHIO

The antecedent of Unity Grange was the Pemberton Grange, #588, organized February 28, 1874, and disbanded in December of 1876. Master Lon DeWeese was entrusted with the safekeeping of the working implements. It was not until 1916 that two young Perry Township farmers, Frank M. Pepper and Vern Ward, became interested in Grange activities after reading an article in the Ohio Farmer. They contacted A.F. Moon, Shelby County Grange Deputy at the time, and with his help membership solicitation began. 73 charter members constituted the first enrollment.

The meeting to organize was held on January 23, 1917. A.F. Moon administered the obligation to those present and L.C. Wilson, Master of New Hope Grange, conducted the first election with the following results:

Master, George M. Hill	Treasurer, Claude Barnes
Overseer, N. Charles Enders	Secretary. A.C. Dill
Lecturer, Mrs. Haney Tunks	Gate Keeper, Clarence Sidle
Steward, Vern Ward	Ceres, Mrs. S.F. Dormire
Asst. Steward, Frank M. Pepper	Pomona, Mrs. Claude Barnes
Chaplain, Earl Valentine	Flora, Mrs. L.V. Ward

Lady Asst. Steward, Mrs. Calvin Boyer

The name of Unity was selected from three submitted, the others being Progressive and Favorite.

On January 31, 1917, New Hope Grange met in Pemberton for an all day meeting and conferred all four subordinate degrees on the 73 charter members.

At that time the customary mode of transportation was a horse and buggy. The livery stable in Pemberton was rented for the day, rental fee, $1.75, but it was too small to accomodate all the horses. Residents offered their barns and stables. With this added space, every animal was snugly sheltered. A bountiful dinner was served at noon to 105 Grangers. It was a memorable day in the history of Unity Grange and Pemberton.

The first meeting of the newly formed organization was conducted in Forsythe Hall, located in the center of town on Palestine Street north of the railroad. In earlier years it housed the Forsythe Hotel and later became the grocery of Marion Herring, also housing the post office. The Grange met on the second floor of the two-story building. Mr. Forsythe demanded rental of $5.00 per month, a sum the Grangers thought excessive. It was learned Simmons Hall, small but only slightly farther south, could be obtained for $3.50 per month. The decision to move was unanimous.

In less than a year there was dissatisfaction with the Simmons Hall. Arrangements for the children was not always suitable and the Hall was frequently open to the public, jeopardizing the safety of Grange possessions. The Slagle Hotel, situated on the south side of th railroad east of the depot, was rumored to be for sale. A committee of three men was appointed to investigate. Their report to the membership was that they had not been able to arrange any conclusive discussion with the owner. For their collective failure, each man was chastised, fined 50¢ and discharged in disgrace from the committe.

About this time, Mr. Forsythe made a few improvements in his building and offered it again to the Grange for whatever fair amount could be agreed upon. The sum of $30.00 per year was suitable to all concerned and the Grange moved back to Forsythe Hall.

Unity Grange soon established itself in community affairs. In 1918 members sponsored the Perry Township Farmers Institute and in 1919 the first Shelby County Fair exhibit bearing the name, Unity Grange, was proudly displayed. Compromise Grange offered the only competition and the top award was $40.00.

By 1920 there was again dissention between the Grange and Mr. Forsythe, this time because he had installed electricity in the grocery below the Hall and flatly refused to do the same for the Grangers. George Hill reported it was almost a certainty a new school house would be erected in Pemberton in the next few years and he suggested members contemplate acquisition of the old building. For the next several meetings there was considerable excited discussion as to ways and means to finance the purchase whenever the building was offered for sale.

Three years later everyone's highest hopes of acquiring a permanent home for Unity Grange were realized. The minutes of September 28, 1925, beautifully penned by Secretary, A.C. Dill, noted the schoolhouse had been successfully bid off from the Pemberton School Board by the Trustees of Unity Grange. Included in the sale were the stoves to heat the building and the adjoining land. Sometime later the captain chairs still in use by the Grange, were purchased from Mr, Forsythe and brought to the new location.

Unity Grange Hall was dedicated at an all day meeting on June 5, 1924, another memorable day in history. All other county Granges were invited and the keynote address was delivered by State Master Harry Caton. The dedicatory service took place at 10:30 a.m. after which the 3rd and 4th degrees were conferred Following the liberal basket dinner at the noon hour, Shelby County Pomona Grange conferred the beautiful and impressive 5th degree.

Unity Juvenile Grange was organized May 27, 1921. Miss Harriet Carmony, who later became Mrs. Max Sharp, was the first Juvenile Matron. The Juvenile Grange met on the lower floor of the Hall. Youthful members filled offices observed ritualism, and conducted business meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order. For the boys and girls, it was an early education in poise and procedure which served them well in later life. Due to lack of interest, the Unity Juvenile Grange was disbanded in 1962.

Unity Grange continued to grow and prosper despite the lean Depression years. In 1927 the 77th Shelby County Fair featured the talent of Shelby County Grangers. A pageant was presented portraying Shelby County's colorful history. Each Grange depicted an episode in the progress of the county. Unity's participation was the reenactment of the occasion of the first Shelby County Fair, October 16, 1860.

1939 marked the initial year of the Unity Grange food tent, an increasingly popular spot for hungry Shelby County Fair visitors. The annual project provided funds for all expenses of the Grange and kept the treasury in the black for many years. The tradition was discontinued in 1969. No longer could enough members be enlisted to do all the work required to served meals at the Fair.

In 1947 an all time high membership of 228 Unity Grangers was reported. The decade of the 1940s was the "Golden Years" for not only Unity but all Granges in Ohio and nationwide. A decline in interest and membership began soon after and slowly but surely continued.

The Grange is a family oriented organization. All members, young and old, are welcome and everyone, at one time or another, has an important role to perform. To those few still active in the Grange, the association in the Order has meant family togetherness, lifelong friendships and countless enjoyable social hours. Even the hard work was fun when all strived together. The timeless lessons and admonitions of the degrees all were privileged to take and later confer gave admirable guide lines to live by, not only in the Grange Fraternity but in the personal environment of homes.

There are those who say the Grange has outlived its usefulness. Those who continue to respect and support the Order believe it more likely the current generations have failed to realize what our Granger parents and grandparents knew to be a fact. The family unit, strong and secure, is the very foundation of America.

In 1984, due to lack of funds and decreased membership, the Unity Hall in Pemberton, and the contents, were sold at public auction. A very few members continue with irregular meetings and the charter has not yet been surrendered. Those who remember the good old days of the Grange, the dedication of old members, and the friendships enjoyed among Grangers, deeply regret the demise of Unity Grange. Like so many other beneficial organizations of the past, its revival is highly unlikely.

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